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YOSHIKI TONOGAI

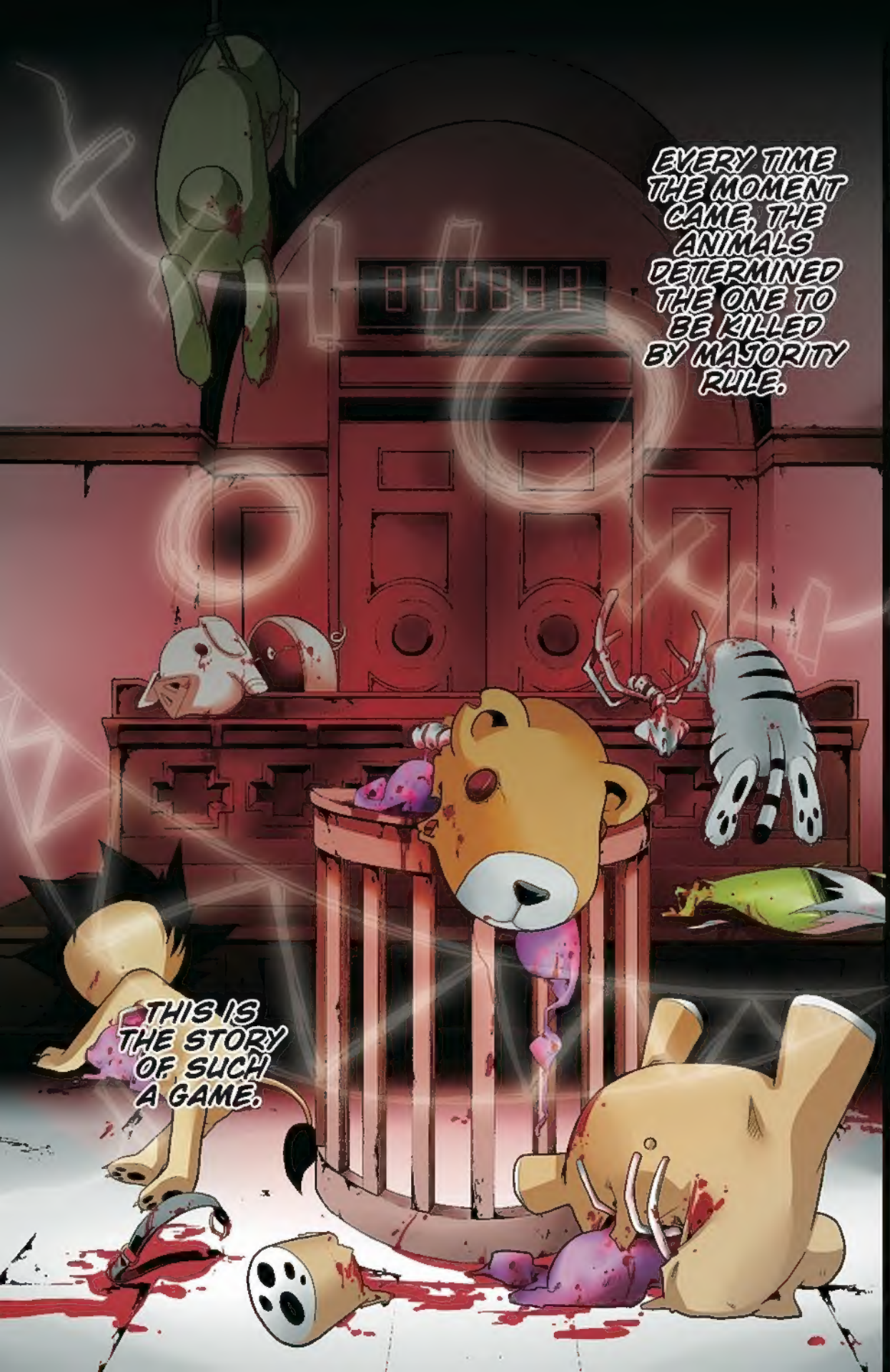
ONCE UPON A TIME...
...THERE WAS A GROUP OF ANIMALS, EACH GUILTY OF ONE OF THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS.

..."IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, POINT TO THE ONE WHOSE SINS YOU THINK TO BE GREATER THAN YOURS."

IN ORDER TO EXACT RETRIBUTION ONTO THEM FOR COMMITTING SUCH GRAVE SINS...
..."***" ANNOUNCED WITH A SMILE...

PI (BIP)
AND THEN...

WOULD THEY ATONE FOR THEIR SINS BY DEATH...?
...THE ANIMAL WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES WAS EXECUTED.
WOULD THEY GO SO FAR AS KILL OTHER ANIMALS TO SURVIVE...?


EVERY TIME THE MOMENT CAME, THE ANIMALS DETERMINED THE ONE TO BE KILLED BY MAJORITY RULE.
THIS IS THE STORY OF SUCH A GAME.

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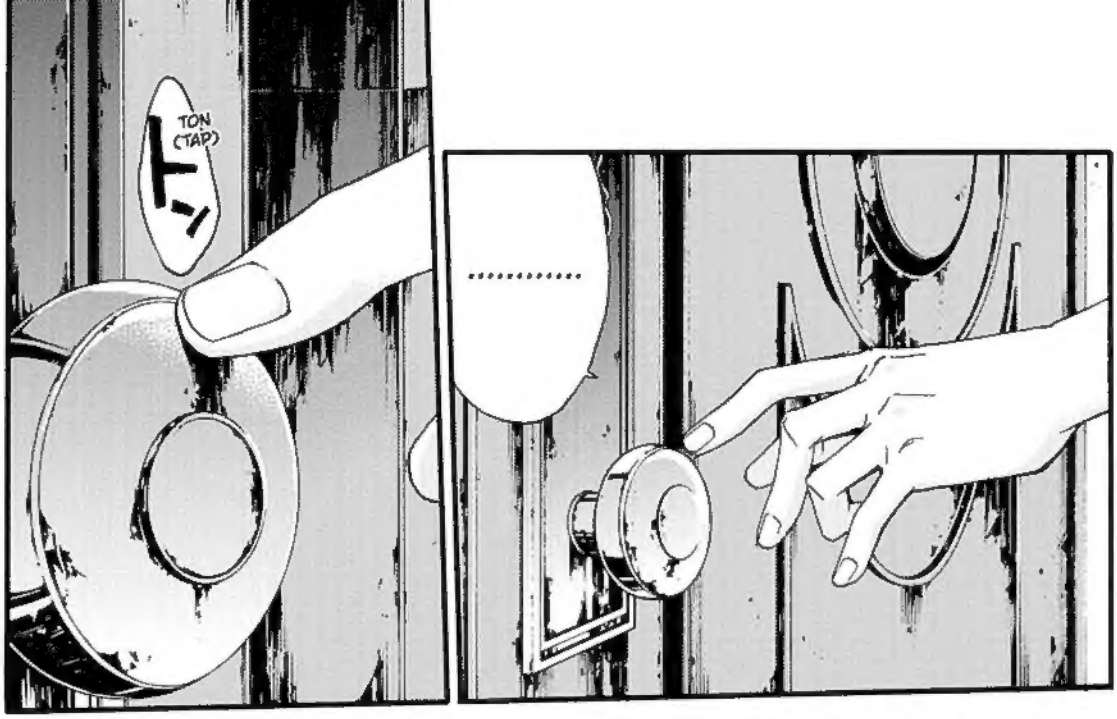
IF SOMEBODY BETRAYED YOUR PLAN, IT COULD BE YOU WHO ENDS UP DEAD.
ME...
...DEAD .....?

GACHA
(CHAK)
!?
.....
GI
(CREAK)

CHAPTER 6 THE TRAITOR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(TAP)
トン
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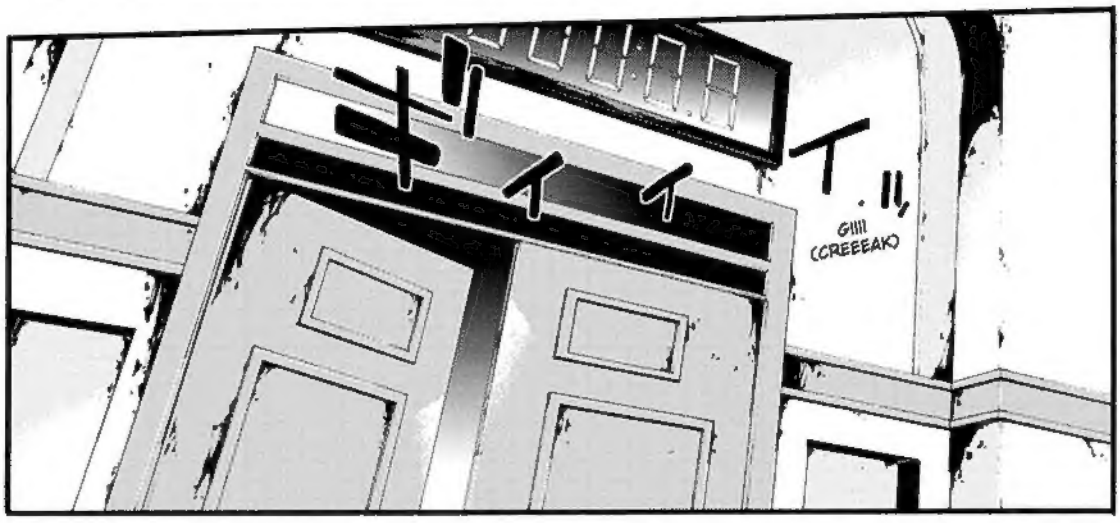
キィィ
GIIII
(CREEEAK)

HH.....

IT'S OPEN.....?
BUT EARLIER IT WASN'T OPENING, NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRIED...
UMM.....
THE CLOCK HAS BEEN RESET...?
SU (SSK)
LOOK AT THAT...

SO WHAT?
BIKU (FLINCH)
WELL... IT'S JUST... THAT...
IT'S BECAUSE THE FIRST JUDGMENT IS DONE.
GATA (CLACK)
.....
THEY'RE PROBABLY TELLING US...

...TO PROCEED ONWARD...

KA (CLACK)

IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE ANYTHING'S WRONG... PHYSICALLY.
KUI (JERK)

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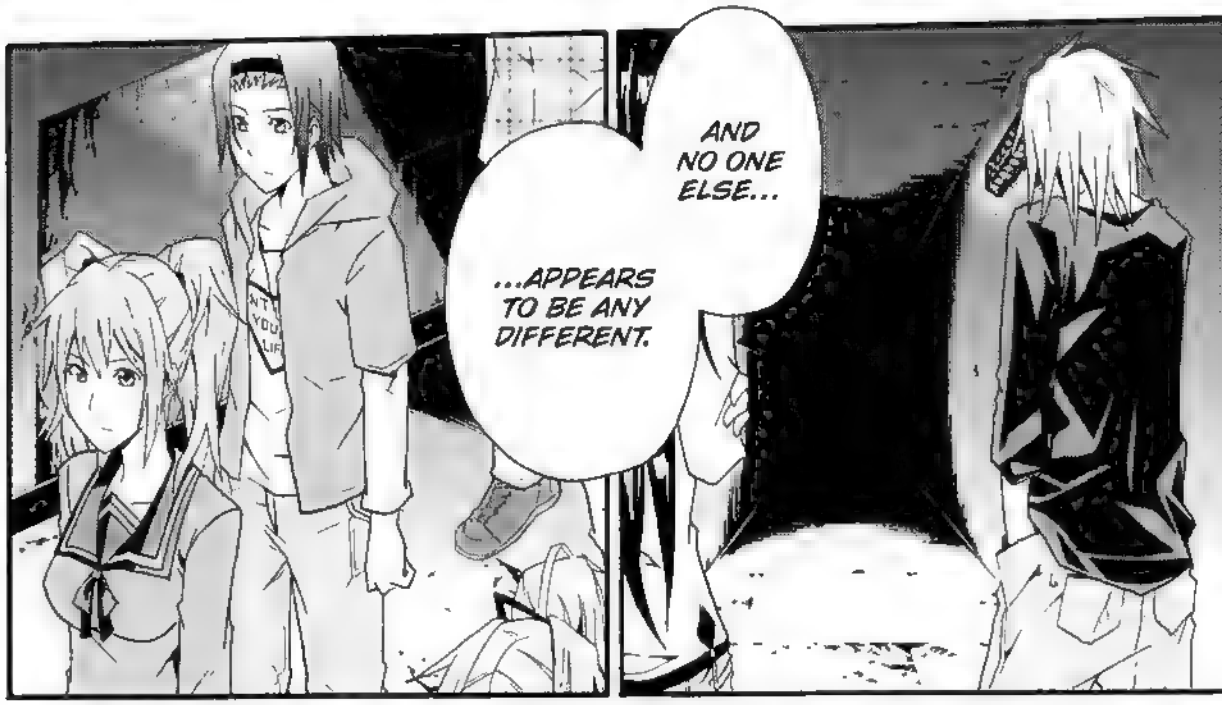
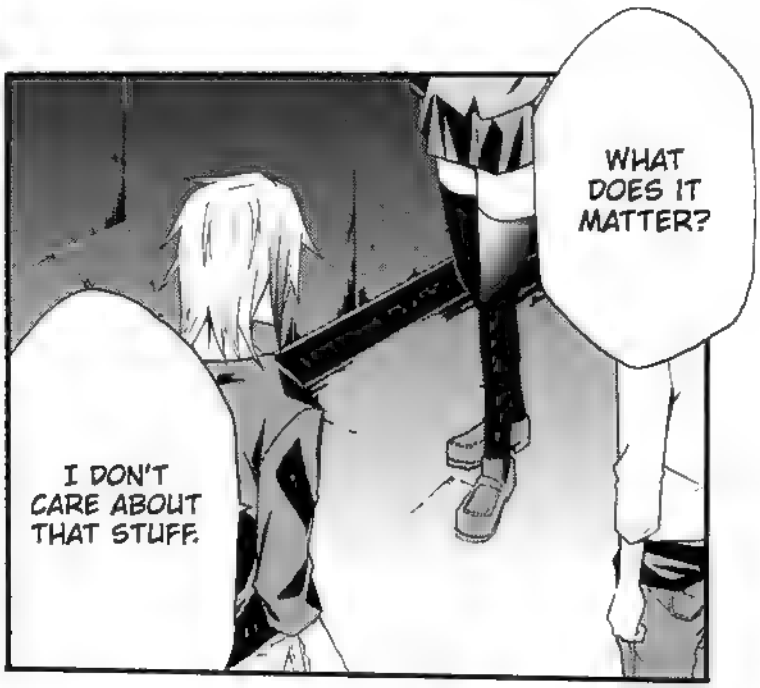

AND NO ONE ELSE...
...APPEARS TO BE ANY DIFFERENT.

IF ANYONE VOTED FOR SOMEBODY ELSE...
...SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD BE HAPPENING TO ANOTHER PERSON RIGHT ABOUT NOW.

PITA
(STOP)
EVERYONE MUST'VE VOTED FOR THEMSELVES AS PLANNED...
HEY.
I JUST REALIZED SOMETHING.
WE HAVEN'T TOLD ONE ANOTHER OUR NAMES YET, HAVE WE?
HUH?

THAT'S A BAD ATTITUDE.


I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT STUFF.
WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

IF WE DON'T EVEN KNOW ONE ANOTHER'S NAMES, WON'T IT BE DIFFICULT TO WORK TOGETHER?
UNTIL WE'RE RESCUED, WE'LL BE STUCK IN HERE FOR A WHILE.

THEN I GUESS I'LL START.

YOU HAVE A POINT...

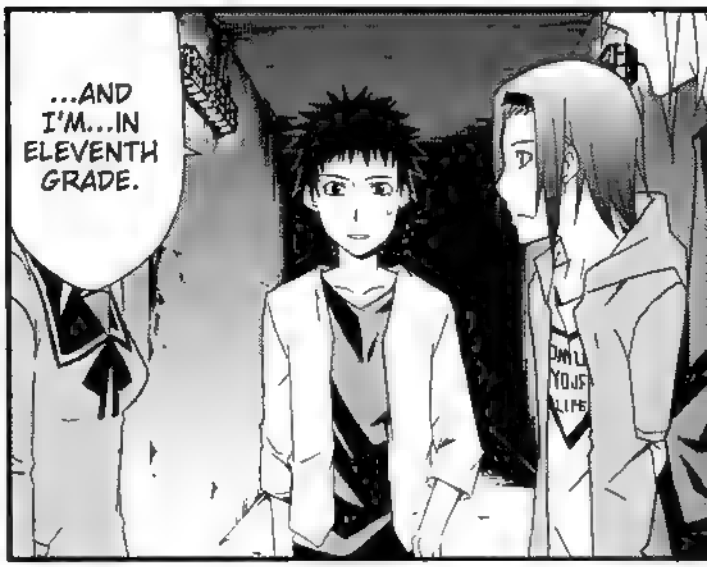
MY NAME'S RINA OKAMOTO. I'M IN TENTH GRADE.
NIKO (SMILE)

I'M IN THE TEA CEREMONY CLUB, AND MY HOBBIES ARE—
I DON'T NEED TO KNOW 'BOUT ALL THAT!

HIROYUKI SAKURAI...

WHAA...
.....

MY NAME'S KAZUYUKI ASAI, AND I'M IN MY LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL.


...AND I'M...IN ELEVENTH GRADE.

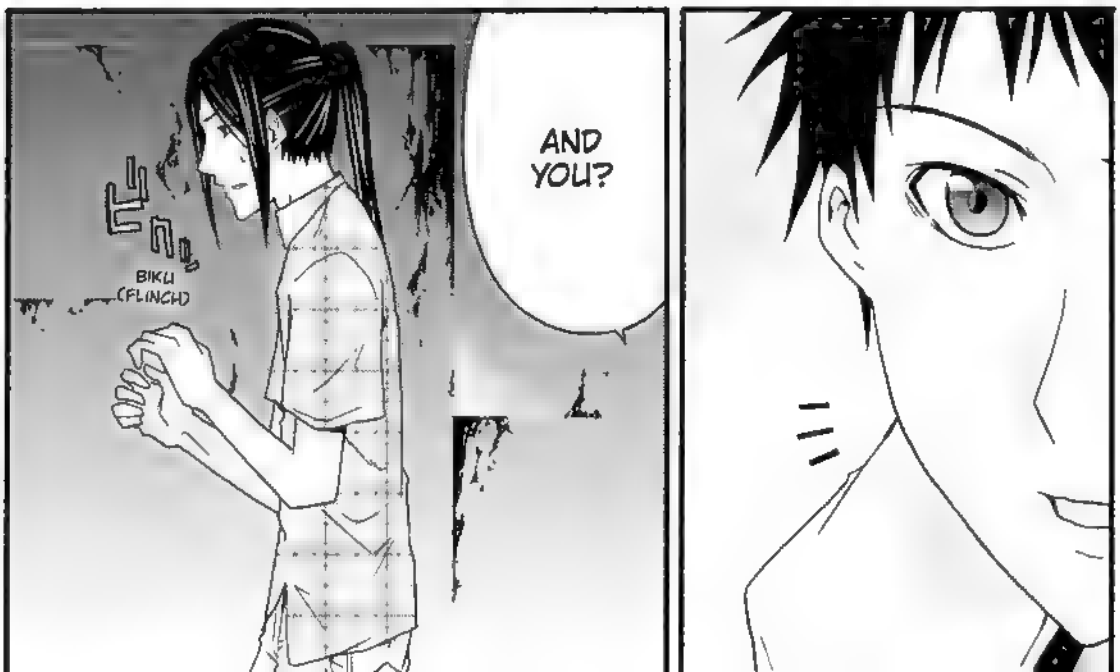
.....
GUSHA (CRUMPLE)

IT'S NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL TO TELL US YOUR NAME, RIGHT?

RYUUHEI SHINOMIYA. I'M NOT IN SCHOOL. I WORK PART-TIME.

HAYATO TAKIZAWA.
I'M A JUNIOR IN COLLEGE.

ASAMI KIMURA. I'M IN MY FIRST YEAR OF JUNIOR COLLEGE.
MIKU SANADA. ELEVENTH GRADE.


AND YOU?
BIKU (FLINCH)

EH?
OH..... UMM...
JIRI (SCRAPE)
I'M.....
HE'S OBVIOUSLY SCARED...
BA (FWIP)
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY IT LIKE THAT, DO YOU!?
SPEAK UP!
BIKU (FLINCH)

.....?
GAKU
(SHAKE)
GAKU

HEY!
LOOK OVER THERE!

ISN'T THAT...
SU
(LIFT)

...A...
DOOR?

!?

WHA...!?

THERE ARE THREE NEW DOORS...?

MAYBE...
...JUST MAYBE, ONE OF THESE LEADS TO THE EXIT...

QUIT STANDIN' AROUND GAPING AT 'EM AND HELP ME OPEN ONE!

GA (WHAM)

DAMMIT.

.....!!
GU
GU
GU (PUSH)

THE DOOR OVER HERE IS UNLOCKED.
GII (CREAK)
REALLY!?
IT'S NO USE.
THEY'RE LOCKED UP TIGHT...
CHIRA (GLANCE)
BUT.....
IT'S JUST A RESTROOM.

WHOA...

!

HEY, THIS ONE IS TOO...

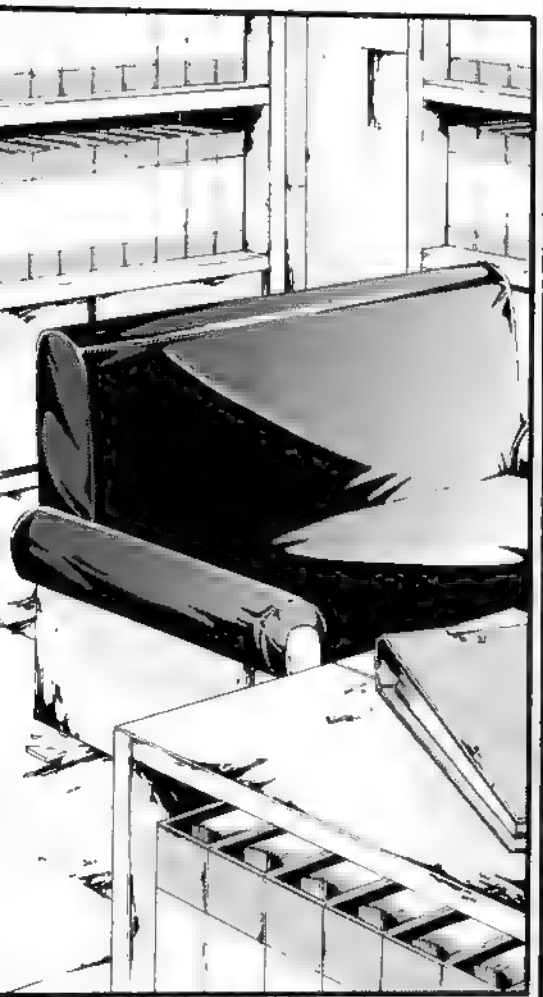
WHAT'S WRONG?

COME CHECK THIS OUT...

JUST WHAT IS ALL THIS...?

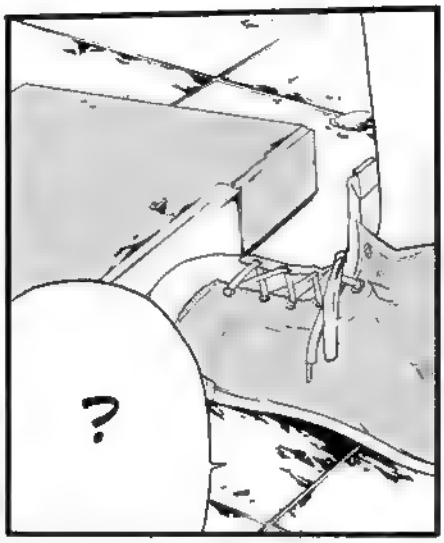
HEY, THIS ONE IS TOO...
!
WHAT'S WRONG?
COME CHECK THIS OUT...
JUST WHAT IS ALL THIS...?

WHOA...



THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT OF FILES IN HERE...
カ
KA (CLACK)

SU (FWIP)
...I WONDER WHAT'S IN THEM ALL.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IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S A RECORD OF SOMETHING...
PERA (FLIP)
ON'T
YOUR
LIFE

THE WRITING FILLS UP THE WHOLE PAGE...

TRIAL?
I'M MAJORING IN LAW AT COLLEGE.
HA (GASP)
THEY'RE TRIAL MINUTES...

I'VE SEEN DOCUMENTS SIMILAR TO THESE IN MY COURSE MATERIALS...
THAT'S WHAT ALL OF THESE ARE.....

SO...
...THIS BUILDING REALLY WAS A COURTHOUSE?

BOSU
(FWUMP)

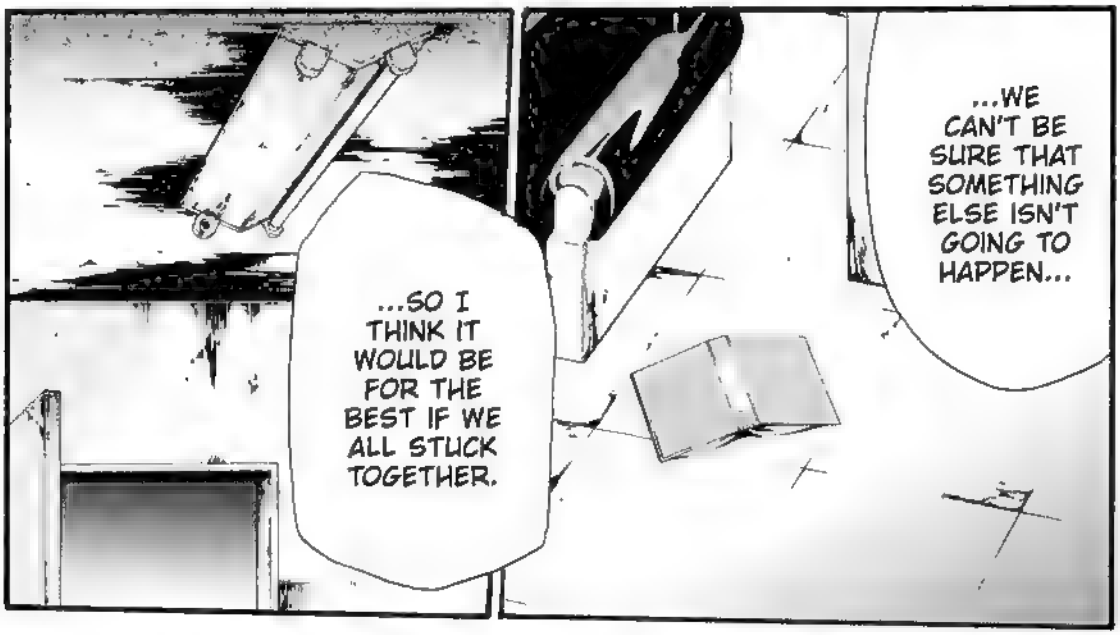
WHAT DOES ANY OF THAT MATTER?

...BUT IN THE END, WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANYWHERE.
I THOUGHT WE WERE FINALLY MAKING SOME PROGRESS...

IS IT ALL RIGHT IF I HEAD BACK TO THE ROOM AND REST FOR A BIT?

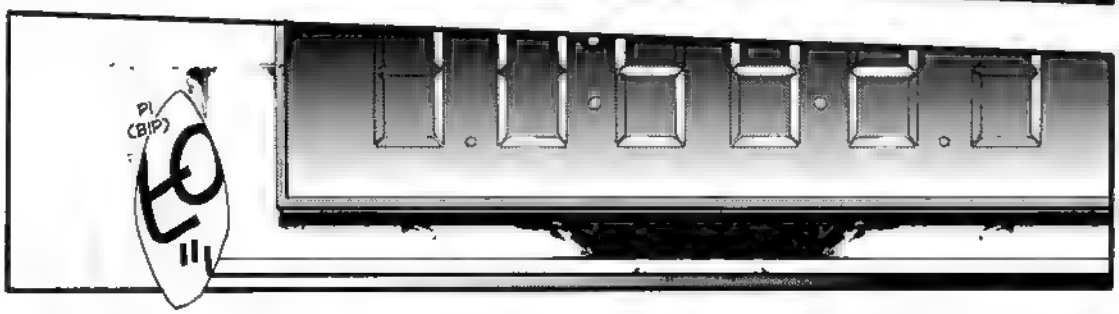
I'M TOTALLY EXHAUSTED ...

BUT...
...FOR NOW, AT THE VERY LEAST, I WANNA BE ON MY OWN.
I'M STARVING TOO, BUT...


...SO I THINK IT WOULD BE FOR THE BEST IF WE ALL STUCK TOGETHER.
...WE CAN'T BE SURE THAT SOMETHING ELSE ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN...

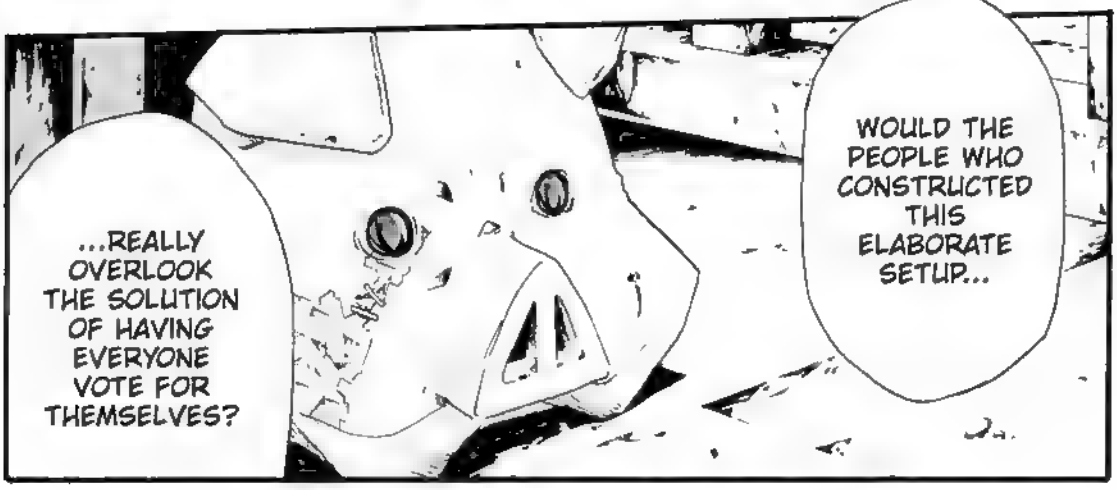
SU (CLIFT)
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE WHERE WE ARE?

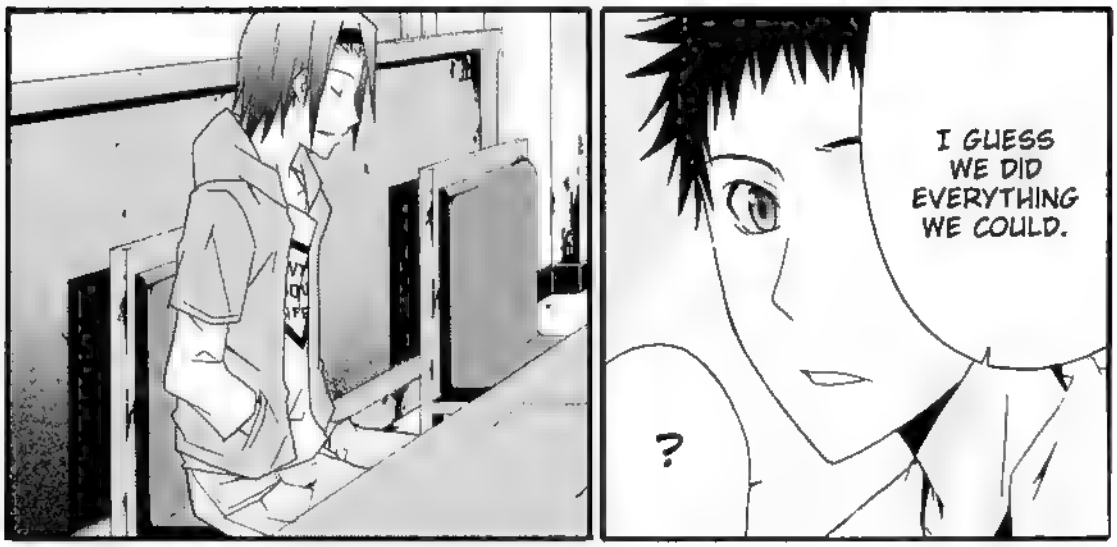
THE FIRST JUDGMENT IS COMPLETE.
WE'VE STILL GOT ELEVEN HOURS BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE HAPPENS.
LET'S ALL BE FREE UNTIL AN HOUR BEFORE THE NEXT JUDGMENT.
.....SO THEN IT'S SETTLED?
.....

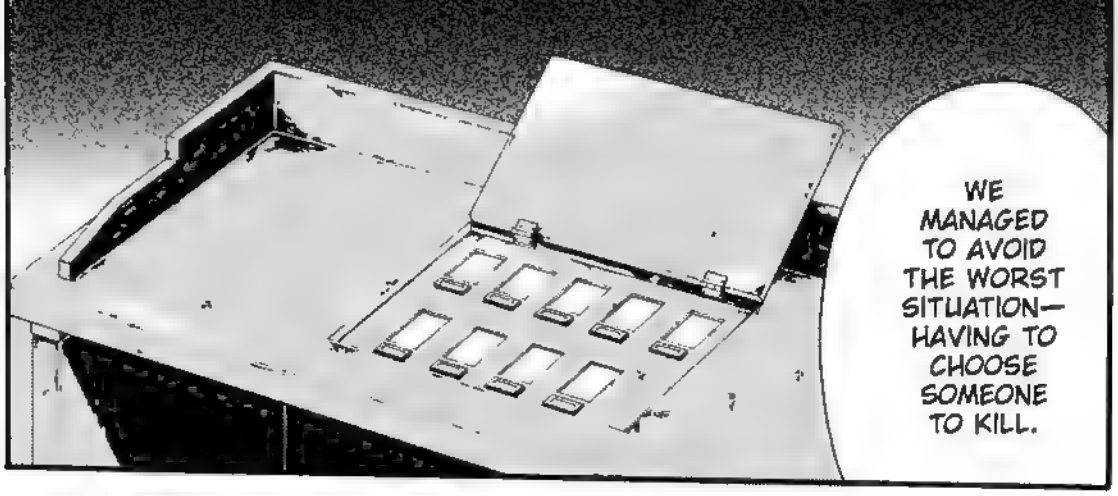

PI
(BIP)

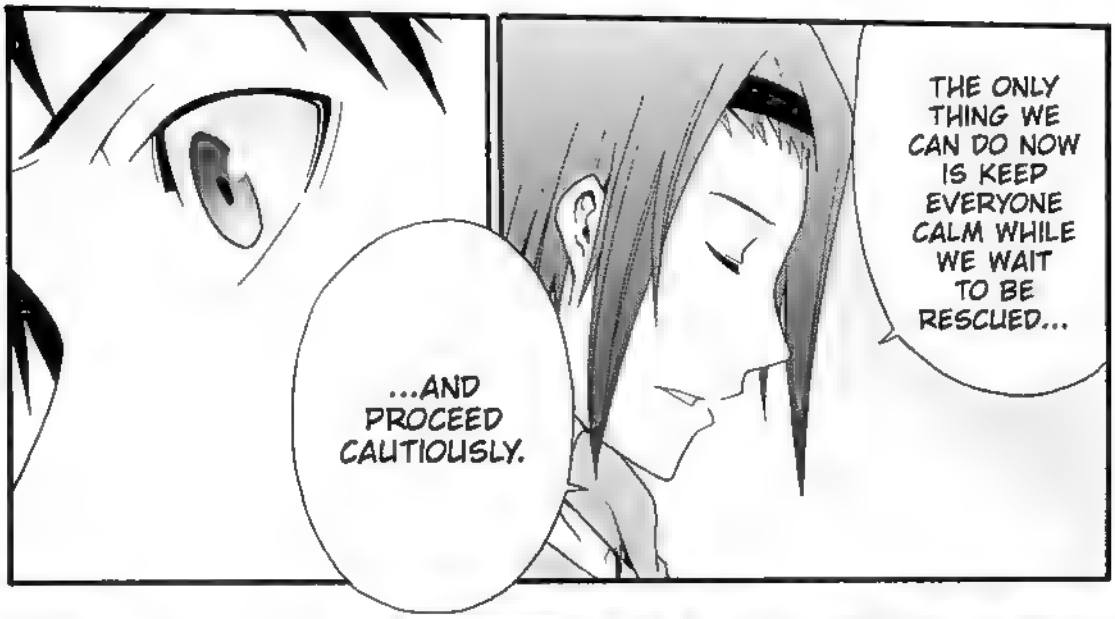
I WONDER IF WE DID THE RIGHT THING.

I'M... SCARED.
HIRO?
.....


...REALLY OVERLOOK THE SOLUTION OF HAVING EVERYONE VOTE FOR THEMSELVES?
WOULD THE PEOPLE WHO CONSTRUCTED THIS ELABORATE SETUP...


I GUESS WE DID EVERYTHING WE COULD.
?


WE MANAGED TO AVOID THE WORST SITUATION— HAVING TO CHOOSE SOMEONE TO KILL.


THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO NOW IS KEEP EVERYONE CALM WHILE WE WAIT TO BE RESCUED...
...AND PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY.

WHAT'S WRONG?
GATA (CLATTER)
.....

GATA
(CLATTER)
IN THAT CASE, I'LL COME TOO...
I THINK I'LL GO SEE HOW HE'S DOING.
THE BEAR GUY WAS ACTING WEIRD EARLIER.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
I KNOW YOU'RE TIRED TOO, KAZU-SAN. PLEASE, JUST REST HERE.

BATAN
(SHUT)
IT'S LIKE KAZU-SAN SAID...
KA
(CLACK)
HA
(GASP)
...FOR NOW I HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN!

HUFF...
HUFF...
I SEE YOU DIDN'T LOCK THE DOOR THIS TIME...
ARE YOU OKAY?

THAT'S A RELIEF. I COULDN'T TALK TO YOU FACE-TO-FACE WITH A DOOR BETWEEN US...
EVEN THOUGH WE WERE TALKING, I WAS UNEASY BECAUSE I COULDN'T SEE YOUR REACTIONS...
HUFF...
HUFF...
WAI... WHAT'S THE MATTER!?
BA (LUNGE)
ARE YOU FEELING SICK!?

KYAAA AAAAA AAA!!

IS IT POS-SIBLE!?

DID SOMEONE VOTE FOR YOU...

BIKU (FLINCH)

NO, IT CAN'T BE...

I MEAN, EVERYONE VOTED FOR THEMSELVES, THEY MUST HAVE...

WHAT WAS THAT SCREAM ...?

GYU (GRAB)

N... NO...

NOT EVERYONE DID...

IS IT POS-SIBLE!?
DID SOMEONE VOTE FOR YOU...
BIKU (FLINCH)
NO, IT CAN'T BE...
I MEAN, EVERYONE VOTED FOR THEMSELVES, THEY MUST HAVE...

KYAAA AAAAA AAA!!
WHAT WAS THAT SCREAM ...?
GYU (GRAB)
N... NO...
NOT EVERYONE DID...

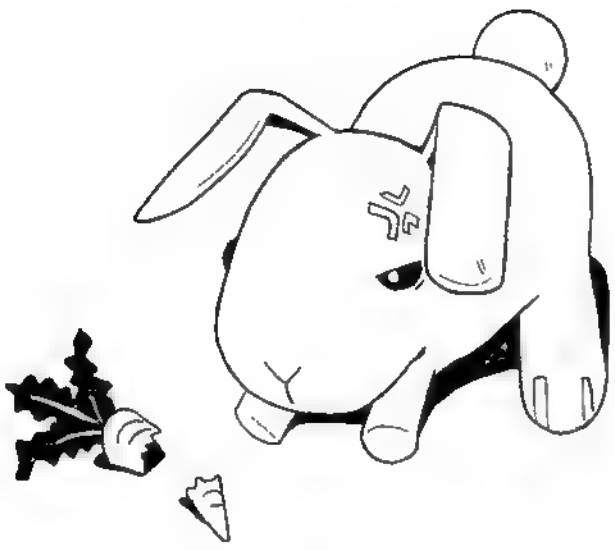
I VOTED...

...FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

HUH.....?

I VOTED...

...FOR SOMEONE ELSE.
HUH.....?



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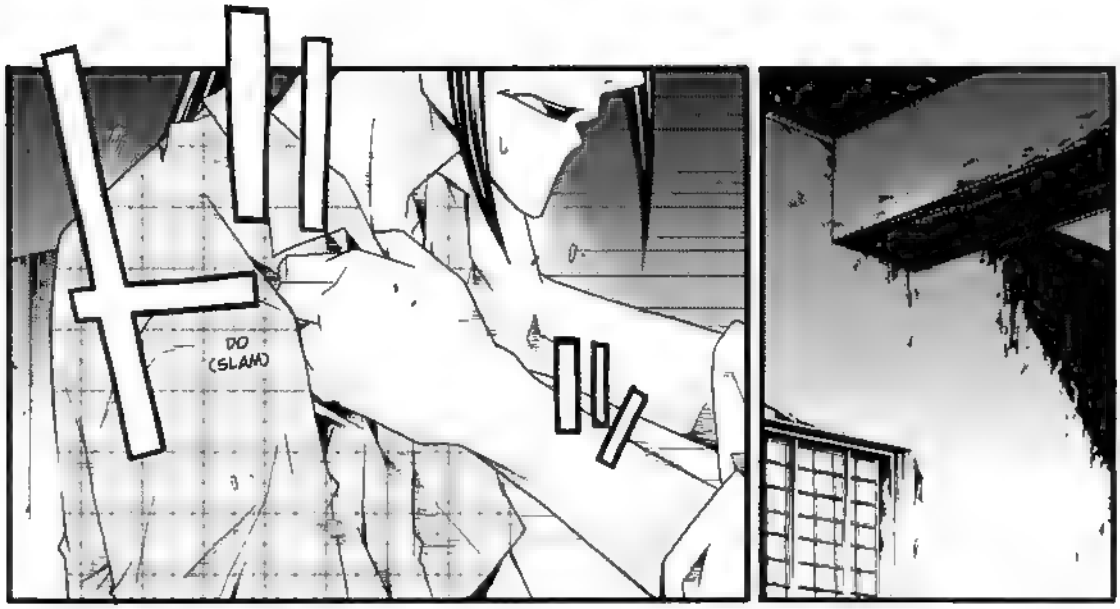

DO
(SLAM)

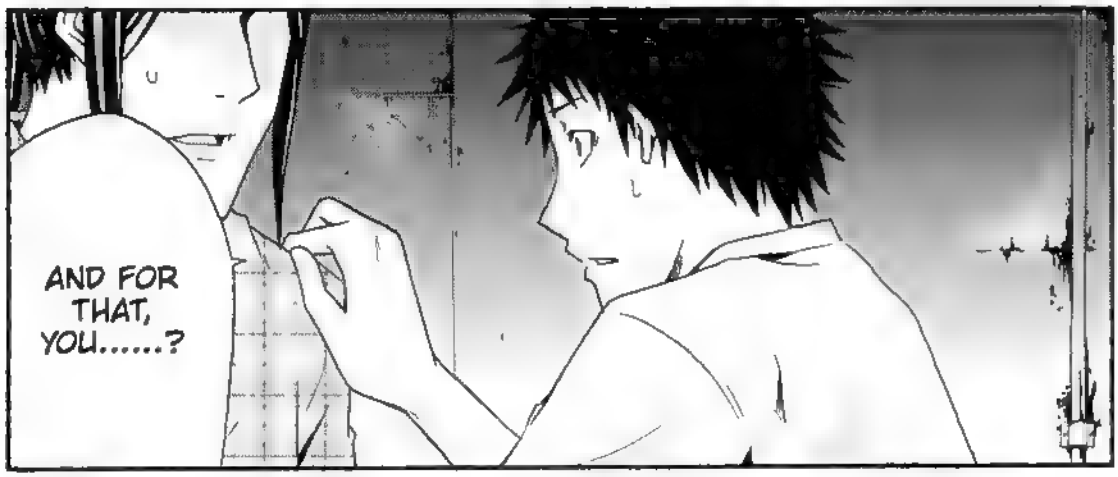
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? QUIT IT...
WHA...

...WHO DID YOU VOTE FOR!?
WHO WAS IT.....?

WH.....
WHY DID YOU DO THAT!?
THAT HORSE GUY.

THE WAY HE LOOKED AT ME...
HA HA!

...THE SAME WAY SHE DID!
THEY WERE LOOKING DOWN ON ME!


AND FOR THAT, YOU.....?

THAT GUY... IF I FELT LIKE IT, I COULD'VE KILLED HIM WHENEVER I WANTED!

NII (SNEER)

WITHOUT EVER REALIZING SOMETHING SO OBVIOUS ...
...HE'LL BE KILLED BY THE GUY HE WAS LOOKING DOWN ON!

HA HA!

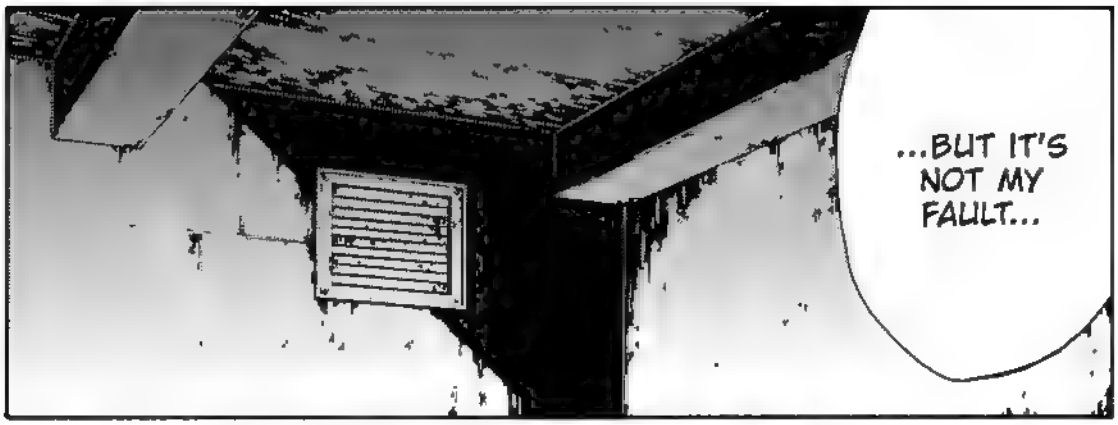
DAN (SLAM)

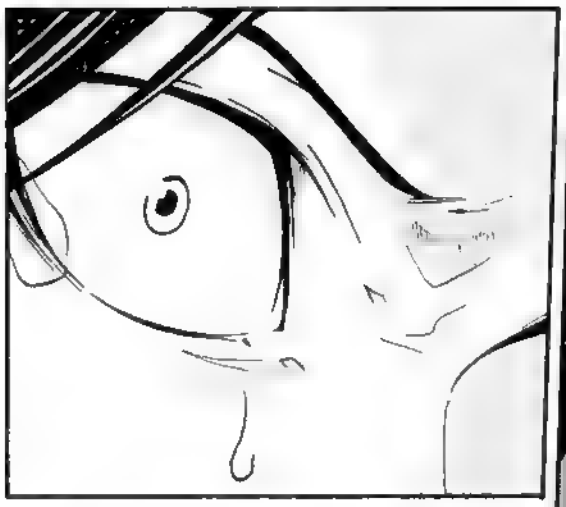
DO YOU REALLY INTEND TO SHIFT ALL THE BLAME ONTO SOMEONE ELSE?
YOU'RE WRONG...
WHAT YOU'VE DONE...
...IS JUST RUNNING AWAY FROM YOURSELF...
IF YOU DIDN'T LIKE BEING LOOKED DOWN ON...
...THERE WERE PLENTY OF OTHER THINGS YOU COULD'VE DONE ABOUT IT!
GIRI (GRIT)

SU
(DROP)
WHAT YOU'VE DONE...
...IS NOTHING BUT MURDER!
WH... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SU
(FWIP)

WHAT'S WITH YOU...?
JIRI (SCUFF)
YOU JUST STAY RIGHT HERE.
...I'M GOING TO GO CHECK ON THINGS.
ISN'T IT ENOUGH TO JUST SAVE YOURSELF!?
WHY ARE YOU TRYING SO HARD TO SAVE EVERYONE!?
.....
WHAT DOES IT MATTER TO YOU WHAT HAPPENS TO THE REST OF US!?

...DON'T WANT TO SEE...
...SOMETHING HORRIBLE HAPPENING IN FRONT OF MY EYES.
I JUST...
BU.....
DOSA (SLUMP)


...BUT IT'S NOT MY FAULT...



I.....
I WAS .....

...SCARED, THAT'S ALL...

WHERE ...
KU (WIPE)
...DID THAT SCREAM COME FROM...?
!

.....
EVEN THOUGH WE FOUND A WAY TO SAVE EVERYBODY...
JIRI (SCUFF)
...EVEN THOUGH I THOUGHT WE COULD ALL MAKE IT OUT ALIVE...
...WHY DID THINGS TURN OUT THIS WAY...!!?

DAMMIT...
THE SOUND OF PEOPLE TALKING...?
.....IT CAME FROM THAT ROOM!

BA BAM
IS IT .....!!?
WHAT HAPPENED!?
HIRO...
YOU HEARD THAT SCREAM EARLIER TOO...?

WHA.....?

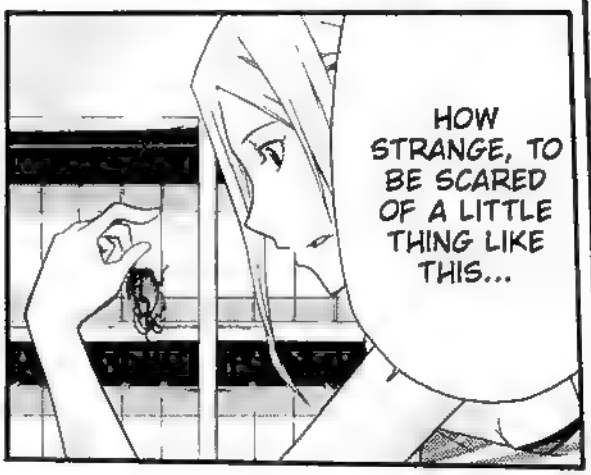
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING...?
BA (JUMP)
IT...IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!
THIS JUST...
...SORT OF HAPPENED BY ACCIDENT...
.....

WHAT'S BY MY FOOT?
SU (GLANCE)
LO—! LOOK OUT!
GAKU
GAKU (SHAKE)
IT'S RIGHT BY YOUR FOOT!
A COCKROACH ...?
KASA (SKITTER)
カさっ

WHEN SHE SAW IT, SHE SUDDENLY SCREAMED.
I THINK SHE WANTED TO SHOW IT TO YOU ALL.
I...I'M SORRY.
GAKU
GAKU
ON TOP OF THAT, SHE WENT FLYING INTO HIM.
BUT BUGS ARE THE ONE THING I REALLY CAN'T STAND...
SU (KNEEL)
HMMM...

!?
KASA (SKITTER)
KASA

HYOI (LIFT)


HOW STRANGE, TO BE SCARED OF A LITTLE THING LIKE THIS...

SHE'S SOMETHING ELSE...

I'LL GO FLUSH IT DOWN THE TOILET.
KA (CLACK)
UH..... OKAY.

I... I'M SO SORRY!
OH...
SU (SLIP)

.....
.....IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

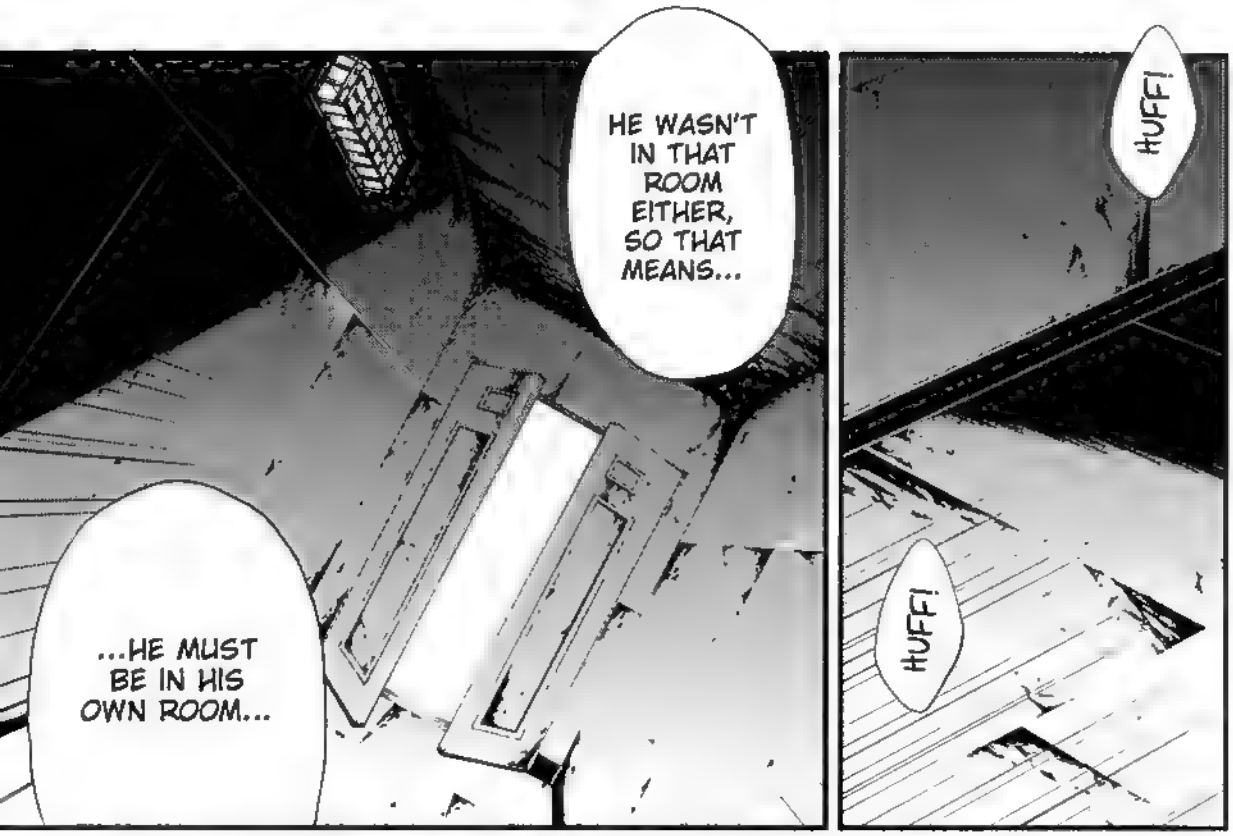
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK PALE.

THE HORSE GUY ISN'T HERE...

...NO, IT'S NOTHING.

.....

OH..... OKAY.
PA (FWIP)
WELL, I'M GONNA GO BACK TO MY ROOM.


HE WASN'T IN THAT ROOM EITHER, SO THAT MEANS...
...HE MUST BE IN HIS OWN ROOM...
HUFF!
HUFF!

BA (WHIP)

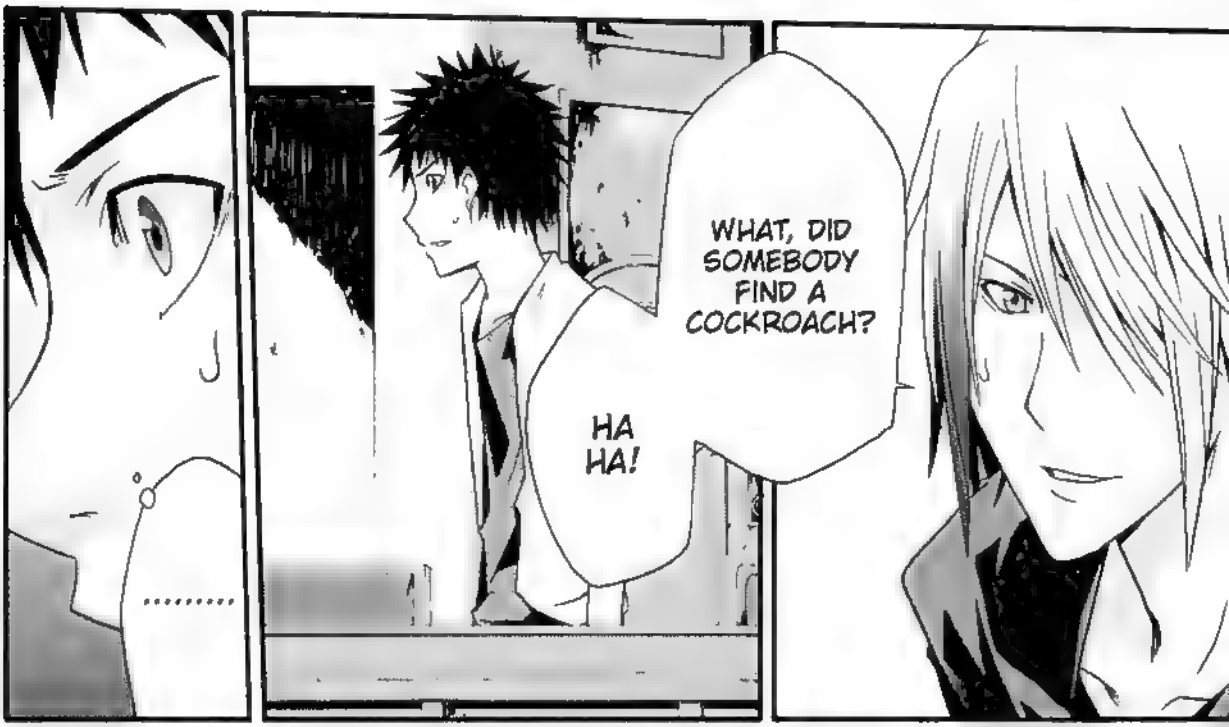
.....BUT ...

...SINCE HE DIDN'T COME RUNNING AFTER THAT SCREAM EARLIER...
...HE MIGHT BE...

EH.....?

BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE...?
WELL, THAT'S A RELIEF... YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.
BIKU (FLINCH)
WHAT IS THAT...?
SU (SLIP)
IT'S NOTHING, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
WHAT, THIS...?

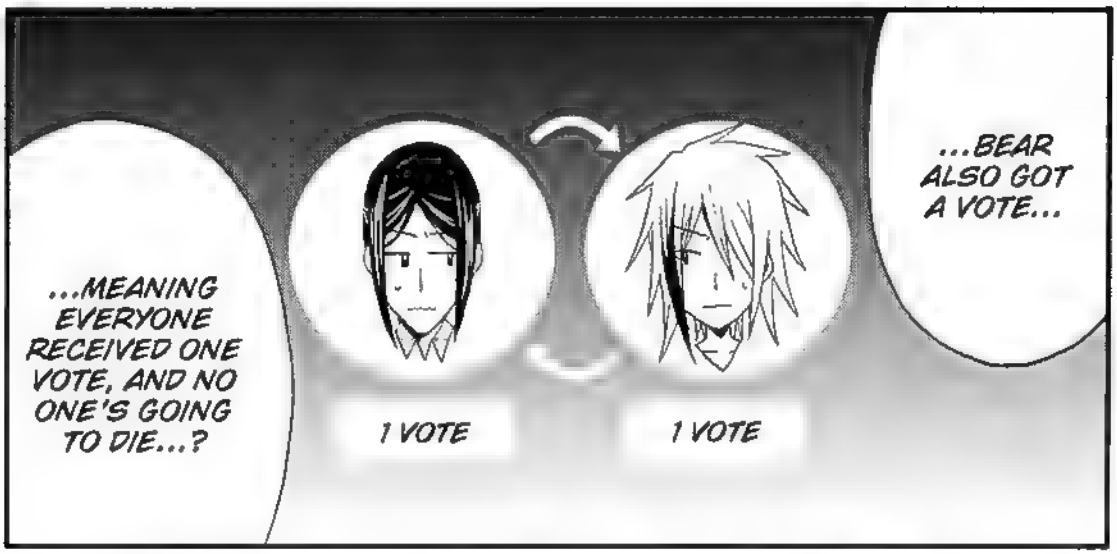
I HEARD A SCREAM OR SOMETHING...
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU, WHAT'S GOING ON?


.....
HA HA!
WHAT, DID SOMEBODY FIND A COCKROACH?

WHAT'S GOING ON...?

1 VOTE
0 VOTES
1 VOTE
IF EVERY PERSON OTHER THAN BEAR VOTED FOR THEMSELVES ...
1 VOTE
1 VOTE
...THEN HORSE SHOULD BE THE ONLY ONE WITH TWO VOTES.
1 VOTE
2 VOTES
1 VOTE

IS IT JUST THAT HE'S NOT SHOWING ANY SIGNS OF IT YET...?
...OR COULD IT BE...


...MEANING EVERYONE RECEIVED ONE VOTE, AND NO ONE'S GOING TO DIE...?
1 VOTE
1 VOTE
...BEAR ALSO GOT A VOTE...

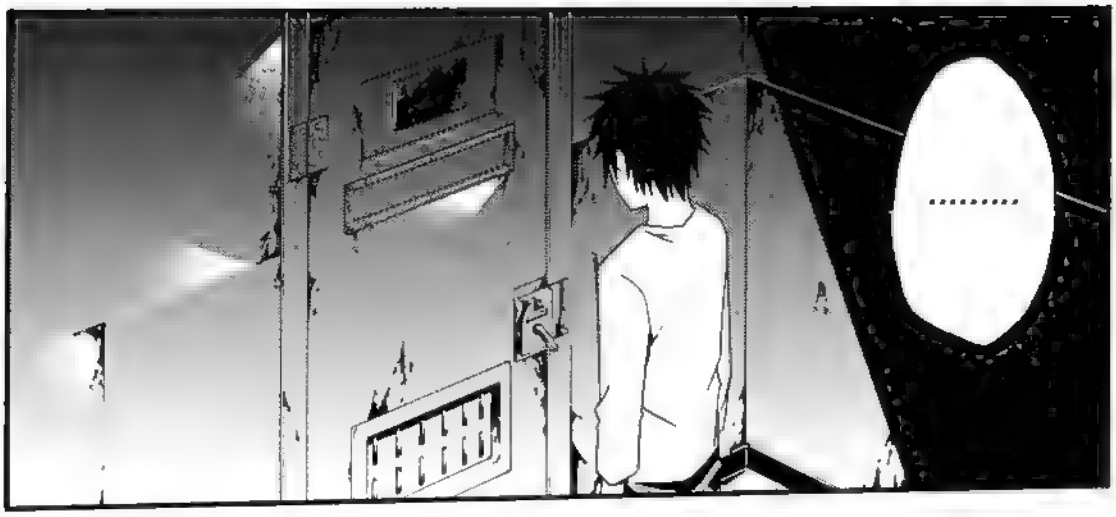
...BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE...

...THEN THIS GUY PUT IN A VOTE FOR BEAR...!!

ギュッ
GYU (SQUEEZE)
.....!
WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM?
BA (FWIP)
HE STARTLED ME...
GOSO (RUSTLE)
... SHEESH.

I WANT TO BELIEVE EVERYONE PUT A VOTE IN FOR THEMSELVES ...
HA (PANT)
HA
HA
...BUT...
GU (CLENCH)
.....
...IF BEAR AND HORSE...
...BOTH PUT IN A VOTE FOR EACH OTHER...

...THEN WE MIGHT STILL STAND A CHANCE!
SU (REACH)
HE'S LOCKED HIMSELF IN AGAIN .....?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...BUT WILL YOU PLEASE LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY?

YOU CAN LEAVE THE DOOR LOCKED...

I'M SORRY ABOUT THE HARSH THINGS I SAID EARLIER...

SU (KNEEL)

GU
(SQUEEZE)
...STILL BE A WAY FOR ALL OF US TO START OVER.
THERE MIGHT...
SO...
...TRUST ME—TRUST EVERYONE?
...THIS TIME, WILL YOU PLEASE...

I GUESS THAT'S A NO...
LOCK
WHAT'S WRONG?
SLI (SKLIFF)
OH.....

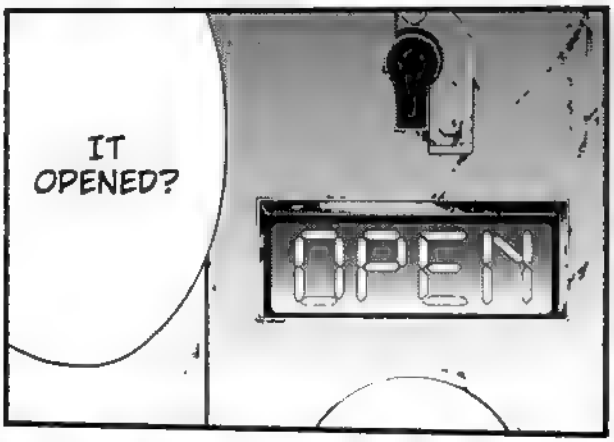
SU (SLIDE)
YOU SEEMED STRANGE EARLIER...
I FIGURED SOMETHING WAS UP.

DON'T TELL ME HE'S LOCKED HIMSELF IN AGAIN?
OR ARE YOU THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT THIS TIME?

UH..... NO...
THIS IS...

.....

KACHA
(KACHAK)


IT OPENED?
OPEN

IT LOOKS LIKE HE FINALLY FEELS LIKE COMING OUT.

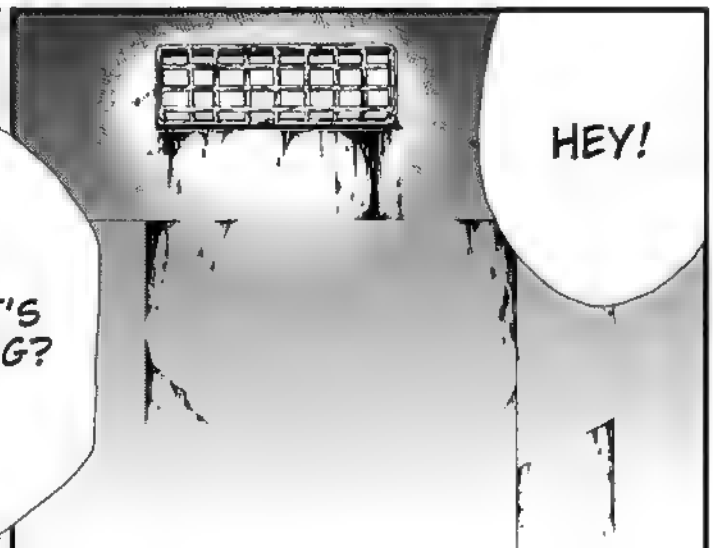
WELL, ISN'T THAT GOOD?

YEAH.
I DON'T REALLY GET WHAT'S GOING ON...
...BUT WEREN'T YOU JUST GETTING WORKED UP OVER NOTHING?
.....

EH...?

EH...?

CHAPTER 8 UNEXPECTED DEATH SENTENCE



GET UP, NOW!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING .....

IF YOU'RE MESSING WITH US, I'M GONNA GET PISSED!
HEY!

PLEASE, ANSWER ME!!

I'M BEGGING YOU.....

.....
BA (WHIP)
BUT...!!
THAT'S ENOUGH. STOP IT.
.....HE'S ALREADY DEAD.

THIS CAN'T BE REAL...
PETA (PLOP)
HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE ...?
DIDN'T EVERYONE...
...VOTE FOR THEMSELVES, LIKE YOU TOLD US TO?

KO
(CLICK)
.....
SO WHY IS THIS HAPPENING !?
I'LL GO LET EVERYONE KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED.
WE CAN DISCUSS IT AT GREATER LENGTH AFTER THAT.
.....

HE MUST'VE DONE IT...!
GYU (GRIP)
KA (CLACK)
.....

WHAT, DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS?
WHATEVER IT IS...
...IF YOU KNOW SOMETHING, PLEASE TELL ME!
.....
IT WAS BEFORE THE VOTE, RIGHT AFTER THE TWO OF YOU LEFT THE ROOM.....

GORI (SCRAPE)
I'M NOT GONNA BE SATISFIED UNTIL I PUNCH HIM AT LEAST ONCE.
THAT DAMN BEAR GUY...
HUHN?
I'D FORGET ABOUT THAT IF I WERE YOU.
AFTER FINALLY GETTING HIM TO COME OUT, HE MIGHT CHANGE HIS MIND AND REFUSE TO VOTE.
THINK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DO.

AND THEN IT'LL BE GAME OVER FOR ALL OF US.
"GAME OVER"... YOU DON'T MEAN...
GETTING KILLED BECAUSE OF THAT GUY...
...YEAH, I'LL PASS ON THAT.
ARGH! DAMMIT!!
BIKU (FLINCH)
GA (WHACK)
HE'S SO OBNOXIOUS .....
HAA (SIGH)

...TO ELIMINATE THE NUISANCE?

!?

WHAT'RE YOU SAYING .....?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
.....
WHA .....!?

IT'S JUST AS YOU SAID.

EVEN IF SOMEONE ELSE DIES AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE VOTE...
...I'M SURE THAT BEAR GUY IS GOING TO CONTINUE CAUSING PROBLEMS.
SO GET HIM SOONER RATHER THAN LATER...HUH.
THAT'S A GOOD POINT...
EVEN IF HE COMES OUT THIS TIME...
...WE DON'T KNOW THAT HE WON'T CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR US AGAIN IN THE FUTURE.

YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE BECAUSE OF THAT GUY, DO YOU?
.....
WHAT'RE YOU TWO GOING TO DO?
.....
I... I'M.....
SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

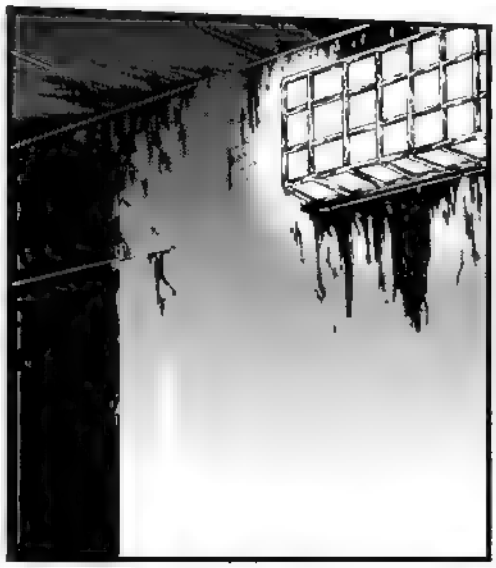
THAT'S JUST WRONG!!

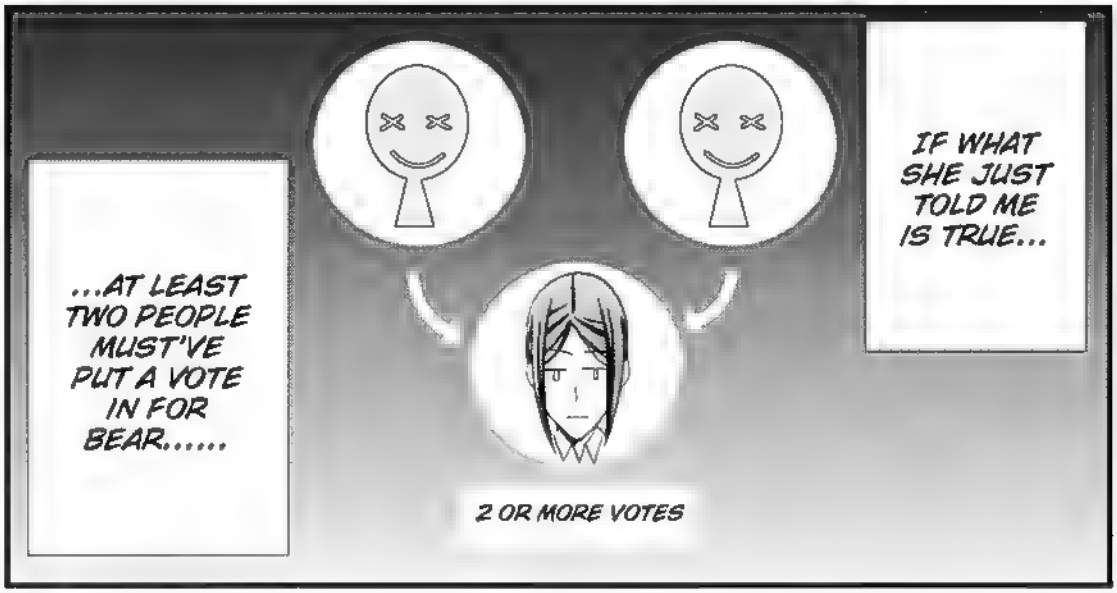
RIGHT AFTER THAT, YOU GUYS CAME BACK...
...AND TOLD US THAT YOU'D COME UP WITH A WAY FOR EVERYONE TO BE SAVED, SO I THOUGHT EVERYONE FORGOT ABOUT THE OTHER CONVERSATION!
I...I DIDN'T VOTE FOR HIM!
I'M TELLING THE TRUTH!

BUT NOW THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED...
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK ANYMORE.....
(PLISH)
W-WAIT UP...
(LUNGE)
AH!!

DON'T LEAVE ME HERE...
...ALL BY MYSEEELF!

HUFF!
HUFF!




IF WHAT SHE JUST TOLD ME IS TRUE...
...AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE MUST'VE PUT A VOTE IN FOR BEAR.....
2 OR MORE VOTES

AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE...
...VOTED TO KILL SOMEONE .....

GACHA (KACHAK)

..... DAMN!
GU- (CLENCH)

.....HEY.

HUFF!
HUFF!

HIRO.....

I HEARD.
I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENED...
SU (PASS)
HIRO .....?
WHAT NOW?
YOU LOOK PRETTY PISSED.
YOU GUYS DID IT, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU VOTED FOR THE BEAR.
IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE JUDGMENT THAT HE DIED.....!!

I VOTED FOR MYSELF!
I SWEAR!
I.....
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET SO ANGRY ABOUT IT.
CUT THE CRAP!
BIKU (FLINCH)
...THAT THIS WOULD ACTUALLY HAPPEN...
WE DIDN'T REALLY THINK...

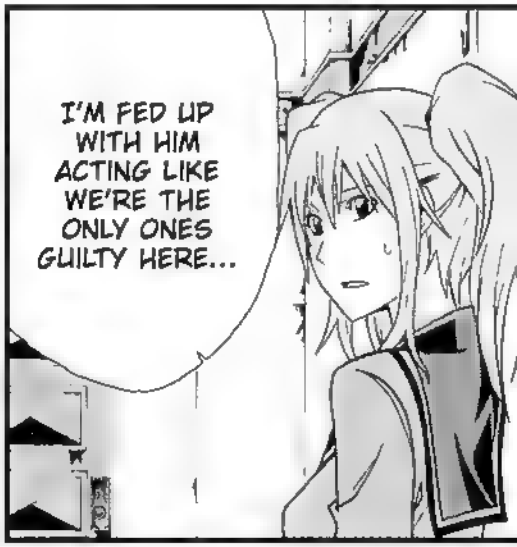
IF EVERYONE HAD PUT IN A VOTE FOR THEMSELVES...
...I'M SURE WE COULD'VE ALL SIMPLY WAITED FOR RESCUE.
SU (SLIDE)

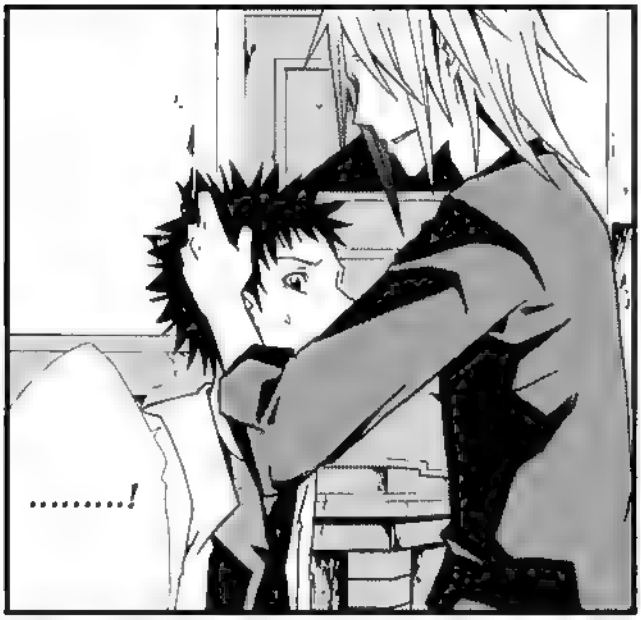
SO WHY'D YOU HAVE TO...!?

PON (PAT)
YOU GUYS...
...KILLED HIM!
KA (CLACK)

GO
(WHACK)
H...HEY!
HAA
(PANT)
はぁ
はぁ
HAA
DON'T GO RUNNING OFF ON YOUR OWN LIKE THAT...
!?
WHA...!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!!?

...WHEN WE'RE NOT, ARE WE?
.....


I'M FED UP WITH HIM ACTING LIKE WE'RE THE ONLY ONES GUILTY HERE...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WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT.....?

THAT BEAR GUY...
...VOTED FOR ME, DIDN'T HE?
GU (JERK)
GU
H.....
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT...?

TH.....

BECAUSE OF THAT.

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THE RESULTS OF THE VOTE.....?

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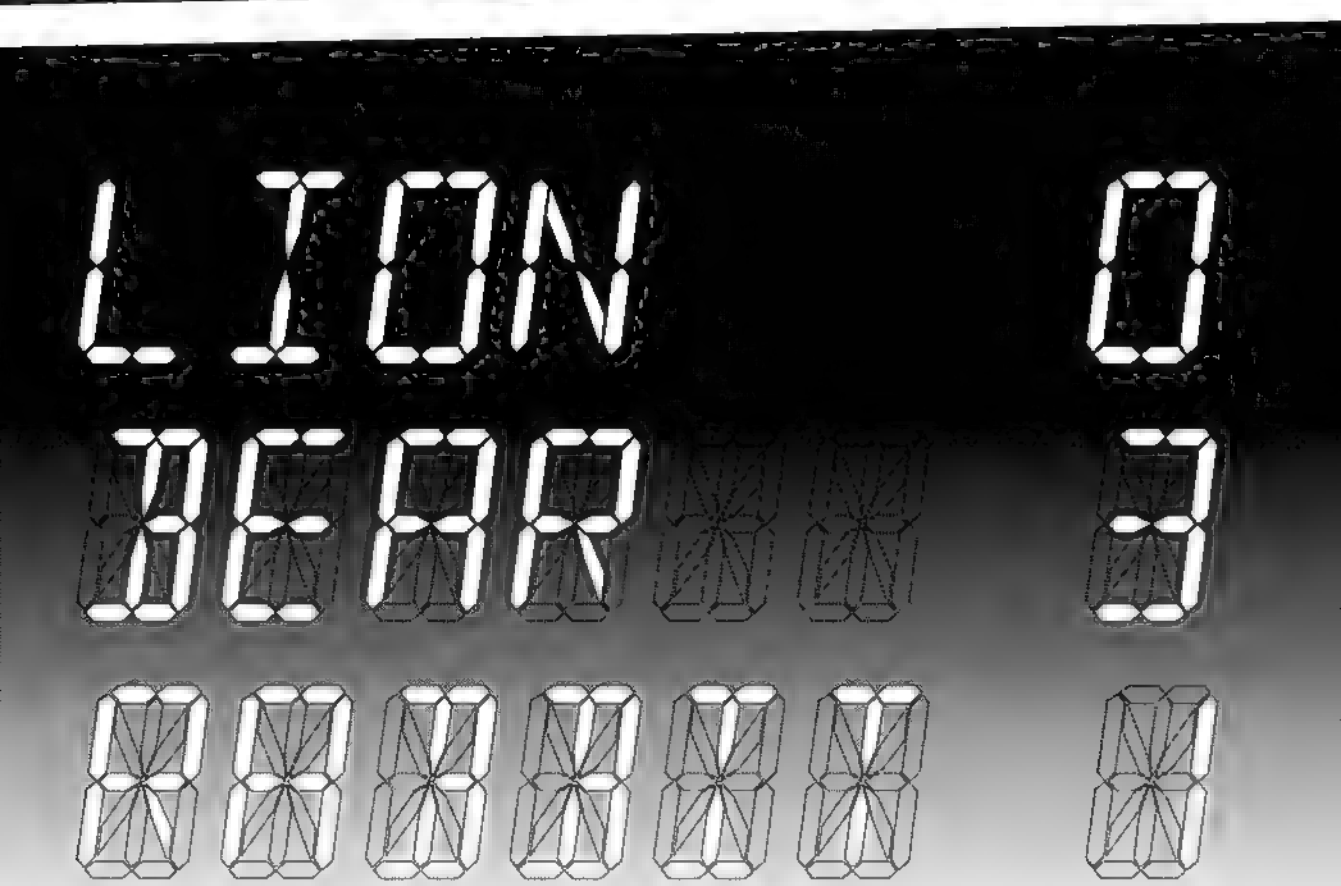
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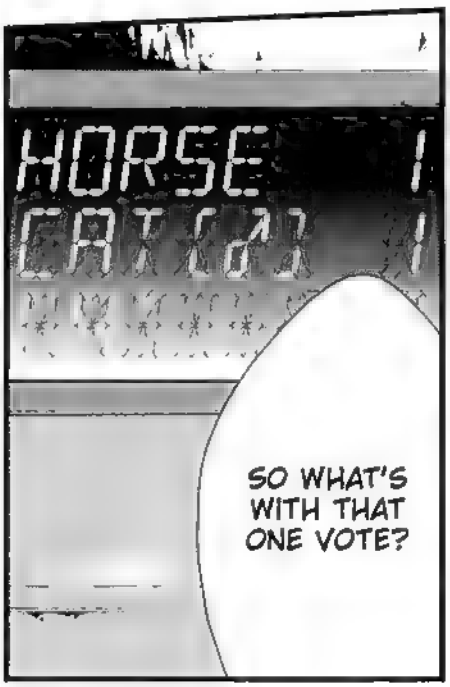
BEAR 3

AFTER...
...WHEN I CAME BACK TO THIS ROOM, THE RESULTS OF THE VOTE WERE ON DISPLAY.
YOU MEAN...

PA (RELEASE)
OBVIOUSLY I DIDN'T PUT A VOTE IN FOR MYSELF.


HORSE 1
CAT 0
SO WHAT'S WITH THAT ONE VOTE?

GA (WHAM)
.....!

JIRI (SCRAPE)
I WOULD'VE BEEN THE ONE TO DIE...
IF...
...WE HAD DONE AS YOU TOLD US, WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD'VE HAPPENED?
YOU GOTTA BE FUCKING KIDDIN'...!!

TH...
THAT'S...
KA (CLACK)
.....
WAIT...
...WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?

SORRY.
WE'RE THROUGH LISTENING TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.
KA (CLACK)
.....
THAT'S HOW IT IS.
SU (SLIDE)
WAI.....
PLEASE, WAIT.....
GU (CREAK)

HIRO.....

DON'T YOUR LIFE

DAMN .....

POTA (DRIP)

BATAN ISLAND

LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT JUDGMENT.

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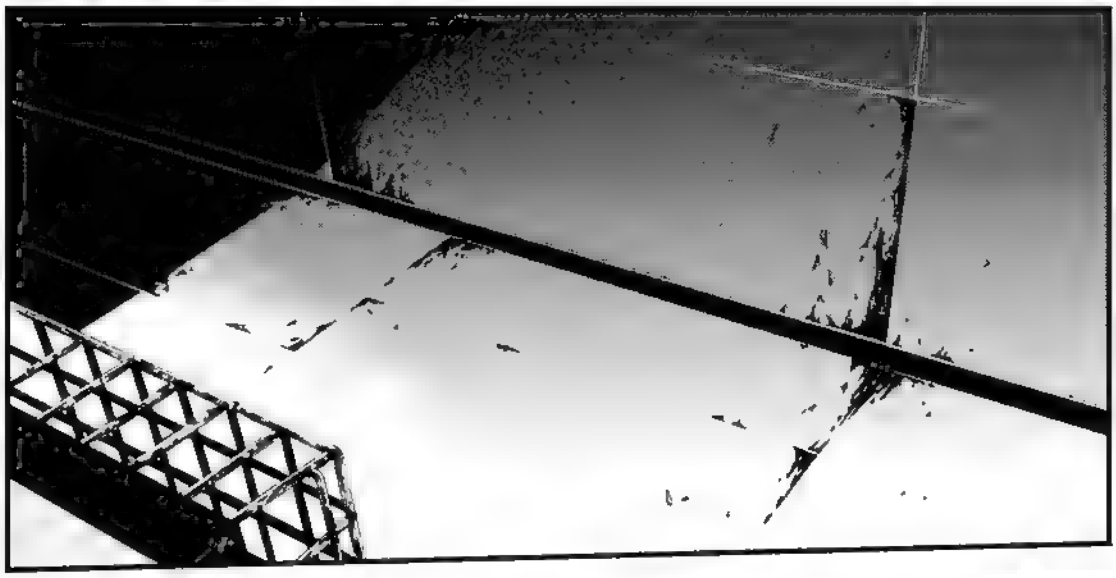
BATAN (SLAM)
LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT JUDGMENT.

HIRO.....
DON'T YOUR LIFE
DAMN .....
POTA (DRIP)

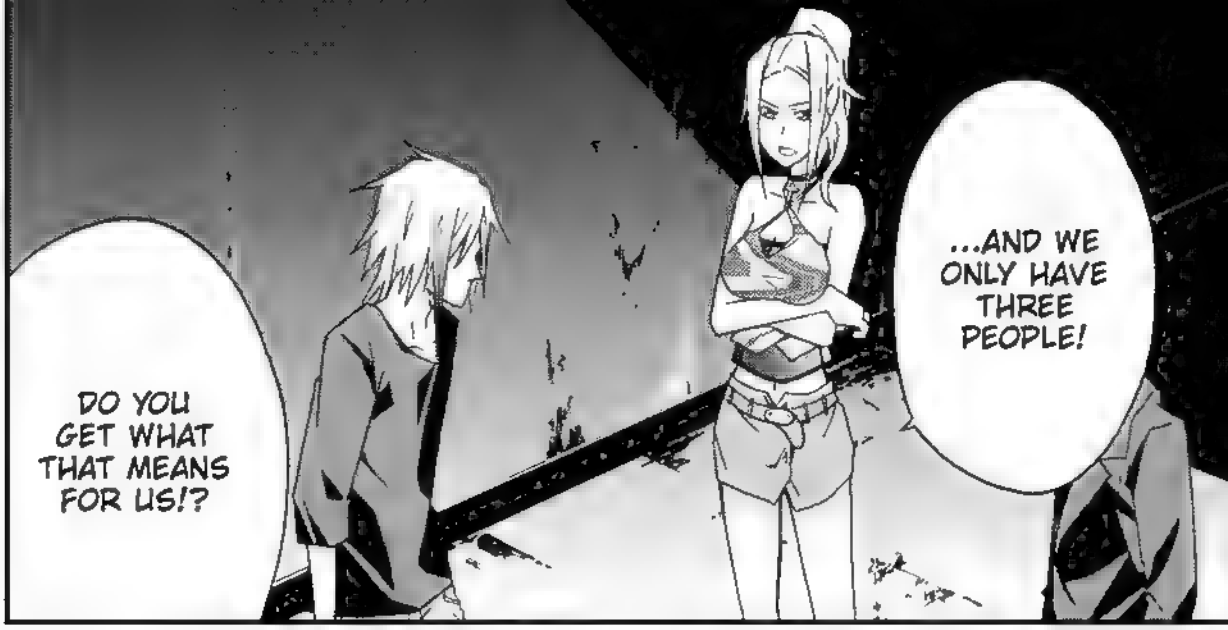
DAMMIT ALL...
PI (BIP)



HUHN?

THERE ARE FOUR OF THEM LEFT IN THERE.....

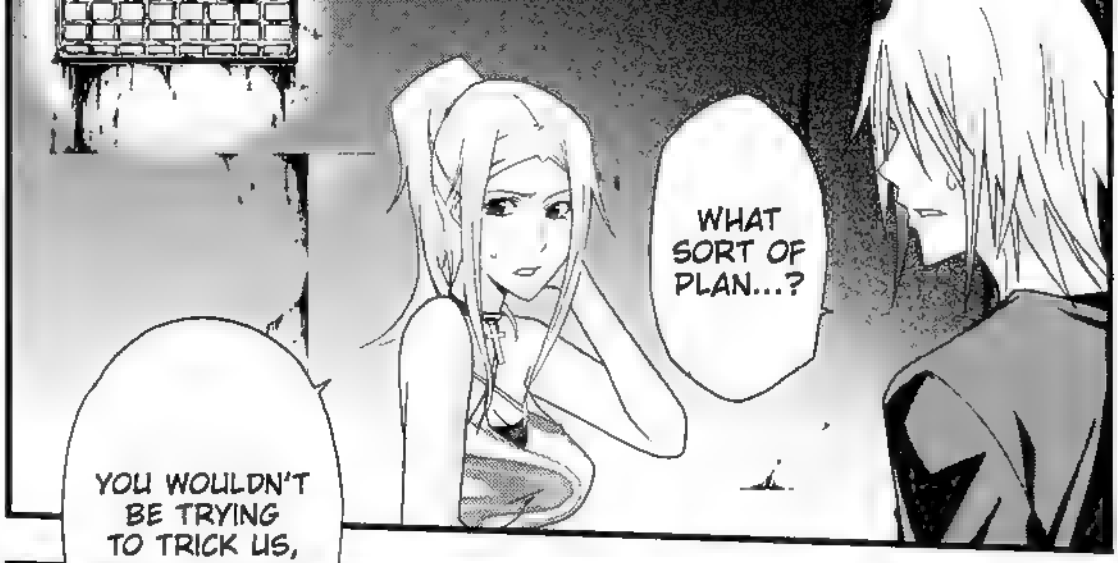
SO WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO NOW?


...AND WE ONLY HAVE THREE PEOPLE!
DO YOU GET WHAT THAT MEANS FOR US!?

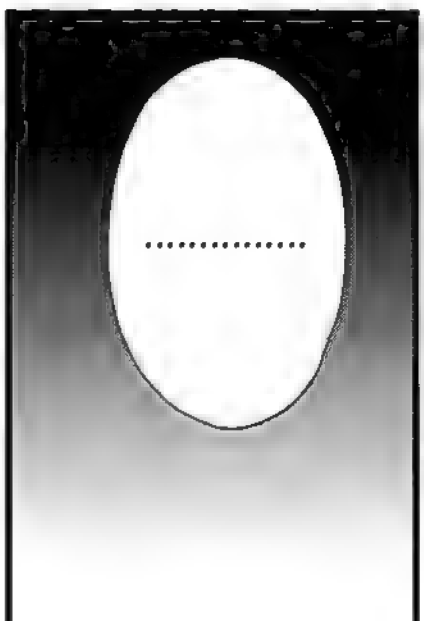
WITH THINGS THE WAY THEY STAND, IT'S GONNA BE ONE OF THE THREE OF US WHO GETS KILLED.

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.
I DIDN'T KNOW THE RESULTS OF THE VOTE WERE GONNA BE DISPLAYED LIKE THAT.

IDI.....!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DECIDED TO COME WITH US!
KA (CLACK)
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER YOU KNEW ABOUT IT OR NOT, YOU IDIOT!!
.....IF THAT'S ALL YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT...
...I HAVE A PLAN.


WHAT SORT OF PLAN...?

YOU WOULDN'T BE TRYING TO TRICK US, WOULD YOU...?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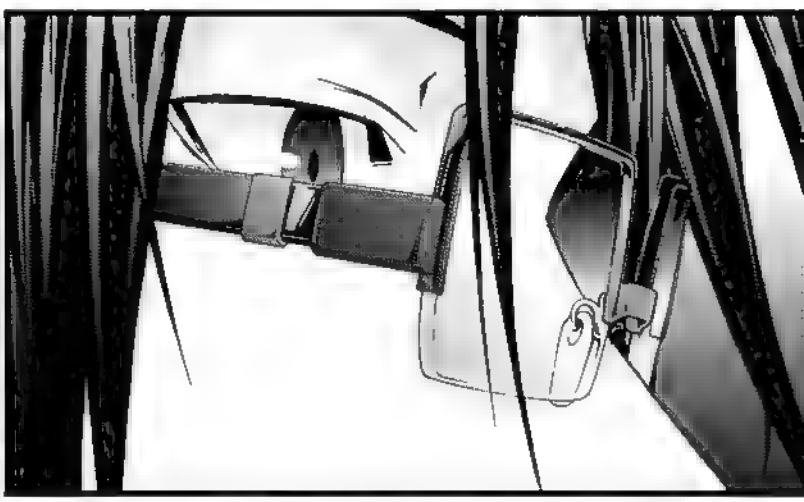

CHAPTER 9 ACCOMPLICES

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YOU LOOK A LITTLE PALE...
ARE YOU DOING OKAY?
KO (CLACK)

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THINGS...
.....

IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE TO TRUST ONE ANOTHER NOW...

IF WE HAD DONE AS YOU TOLD US, WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD'VE HAPPENED?
I WOULD'VE BEEN THE ONE TO DIE...

WE'RE GOING TO BE OKAY!

EVEN IF RESCUE ENDS UP COMING LATE...
...WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT.

HUH.....?

NIKO (SMILE)
SO LET'S NOT GIVE UP YET.

IT'S LIKE YOU'RE SAYING THEY'RE NOT GOING TO...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WE'RE GOING TO"...?

DON'T TELL ME...
...YOU GUYS...

.....

WE HAVE TO DO IT TO SURVIVE.

SU
(STAND)
IT'S THE ONLY OPTION LEFT TO US.
GIRI
(GRIT)
HIRO...?

ONCE IT'S TIME, THE THREE OF THEM ARE GOING TO COME HERE FOR JUDGMENT TO DO THE SAME.

WHEN THAT HAPPENS ...
...IF WE STICK TOGETHER, IT'S GOING TO BE FOUR VERSUS THREE, SO WE'LL WIN.

I STILL...
...WANT TO TRY TO THINK UP A WAY FOR EVERYONE TO SURVIVE.

.....
EVEN SO...

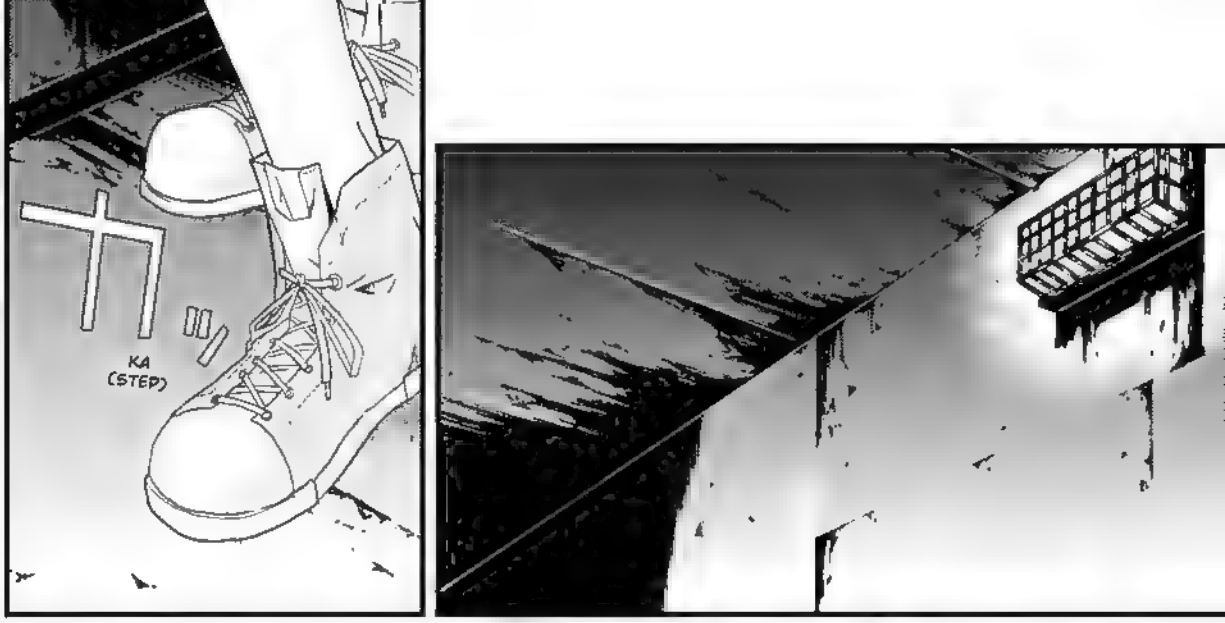
IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!
THEY'LL BETRAY US ALL OVER AGAIN!!

I DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANY MORE REGRETS...
...SO I HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN.
HIRO.....
UNTIL THERE'S ONE HOUR LEFT...
I CAN'T BELIEVE ...
ばっ
BA (LUNGE)
...YOU'RE STILL GOING ON LIKE THAT...!

...ONCE THERE'S ONLY AN HOUR LEFT, IF IT'S NOT POSSIBLE...
...THEN I WANT YOU TO BECOME OUR ALLY.
..... BUT...

.....
PLEASE.

FINE.....


KA
(STEP)

BUT HOW CAN I CONVINCE THEM TO COOPERATE...
.....

...HAVE ALREADY CROSSED A SIGNIFICANT LINE.
THE THREE OF THEM...

EVEN IF THEY DIDN'T DO IT WITH THEIR OWN HANDS...
...THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE JUDGMENT THAT KILLED BEAR.
I WONDER IF IT'S EVEN POSSIBLE...
KA
...TO GET THEM BACK ON OUR SIDE AGAIN...
AH!

YOU LOOK QUITE SULLEN.....

WHAT'S WRONG?

..... TAKIZAWA-SAN.

EVEN WITH THINGS AS THEY STAND.....

I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU COULD BE...
...BUT ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO GET EVERYONE TO COOPERATE?

GU
(CLENCH)
...CAN YOU BE SO CALM?
... HOW...
YOU GET IT, DON'T YOU?
AT THIS RATE, WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN AT THE NEXT JUDGMENT?
THEN... WHY!?
YES, ONE OF THE THREE OF US MIGHT DIE.

BUT THIS TIME.....
...THAT LAST TIME NOT EVERYONE VOTED FOR THEMSELVES.
BA (LUNGE)
IT'S TRUE...
SO THAT YOU CAN ALL BE SAVED TOO...!
...WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO WORK TOGETHER!
THE CURRENT STATE OF THINGS IS ALL THE MORE REASON...

EH.....?
YOU TRULY ARE NAIVE.
...OR IF NOT THAT...
...WANT TO MAKE US KILL ONE ANOTHER TO FORCE US TO ATONE FOR OUR SINS.
THE PEOPLE WHO SET UP THIS GAME...

.....
WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY IS ALL MERELY MY OWN SPECULATION, BUT...
...MAYBE... THEY JUST WANT TO WATCH US KILL ONE ANOTHER.
?
...THEY KNEW THERE'D NEED TO BE SOMEONE TO MAINTAIN THE BALANCE.
...IN ORDER FOR THE JUDGMENT TO PROGRESS SMOOTHLY...
...WHEN THEY THOUGHT UP THE GOAL OF THIS GAME...

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THERE WAS NO WAY...
...THAT EVERYONE COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE VOTING FOR THEMSELVES.
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
SLI (SLIP)
!
THIS IS.....
.....

DOES THIS MEAN.....?

"HINT:

HINT:

The

is there.

Executioner

"THE EXECUTIONER IS THERE" ...?

.....

PERA (FLIP)

IT'S THE NOTE I WAS HOLDING WHEN I CAME TO.

!?

...BECAUSE I COULDN'T.

I DIDN'T COOPERATE WITH YOUR PLAN...

"HINT:
is there.
.....
PERA (FLIP)
NO
IT'S THE NOTE I WAS HOLDING WHEN I CAME TO.
!?
...BECAUSE I COULDN'T.
I DIDN'T COOPERATE WITH YOUR PLAN...

DOES THIS MEAN.....?
HIM:
The
Executioner
"THE EXECUTIONER IS THERE" ...?

THE PERPETRATOR IS MOST LIKELY...

...HIDING AMONGST THOSE OF US WHO ARE STILL ALIVE.

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...HIDING AMONGST THOSE OF US WHO ARE STILL ALIVE.

...THERE'S NO CHANCE OF US SURVIVING TO ESCAPE THIS PLACE.
AND UNTIL WE UNCOVER WHO THE PERPETRATOR IS...
YOU'RE JUST...
...MAKING ALL THIS UP!
S.....
STOP SCREWING WITH ME!
GUSHA (CRUSH)

...EVEN IF THIS REALLY WAS LEFT BY THE PERPETRATOR ...
...IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT WHAT'S WRITTEN HERE IS TRUE.
GRI (GRIT)
AND HYPO-THETICALLY SPEAKING ...

THAT'S TRUE...
IT MIGHT BE A RUSE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF MANIPULATING US...

BESIDES, I KNOW...
KA (CLACK)
I'LL LEAVE IT UP TO YOU WHETHER TO BELIEVE OR NOT.

SO THE FOUR OF YOU WILL SURVIVE TO ESCAPE.
YOU WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO PUT YOURSELF AT A DISADVANTAGE.
...AT THIS RATE, WHEN THE TIME COMES...
...THE ONE TO DIE IS INEVITABLY GOING TO BE FROM MY SIDE.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

BUT IF YOU FEEL SO INCLINED...
...IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU COULD SEARCH FOR THE PERPETRATOR IN YOUR SPARE TIME.

WELL, THEN...
KA (CLACK)
...I'LL SEE YOU LATER...

WAIT!

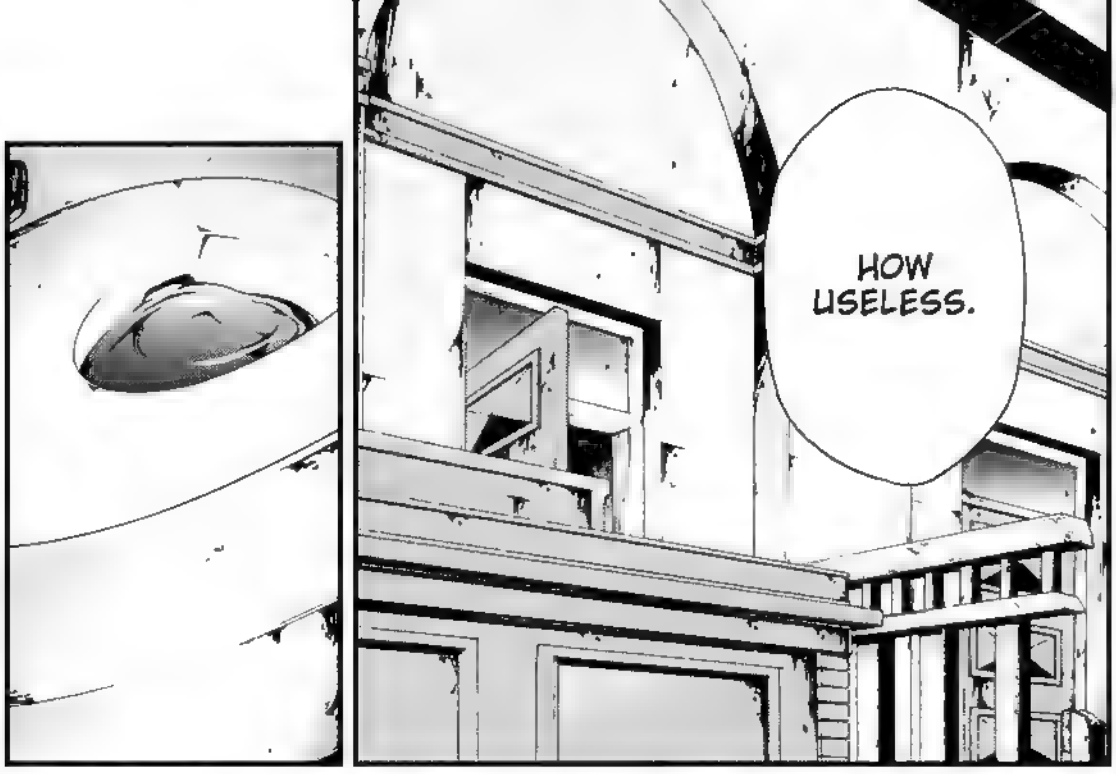
ARE YOU TELLING ME TO SUSPECT EVERYONE?

.....

GIRI
(GRIT)
...SO HOW COULD I POSSIBLY DO THAT!?
I WAS TELLING EVERYONE TO TRUST ONE ANOTHER UP UNTIL NOW...
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO...?

.....

I'M HUNGRY...
BOSO (MUTTER)
AH.....
HEY, THE CAT GUY... WHAT WAS HIS NAME... ASAI-KUN?
HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME!?
HA (GASP)
...SAID HIS STOMACH HURT AND WENT BACK TO HIS ROOM.
WHAT THE HELL...?
I DON'T SEE HIM ANYWHERE. DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE WENT?
THAT GUY...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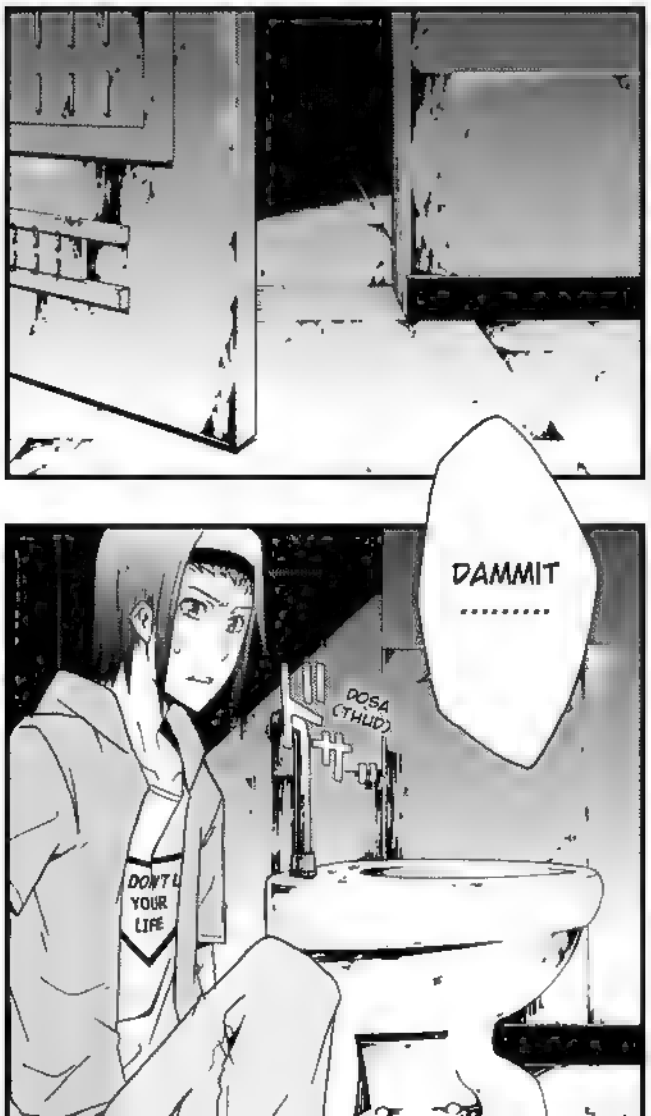
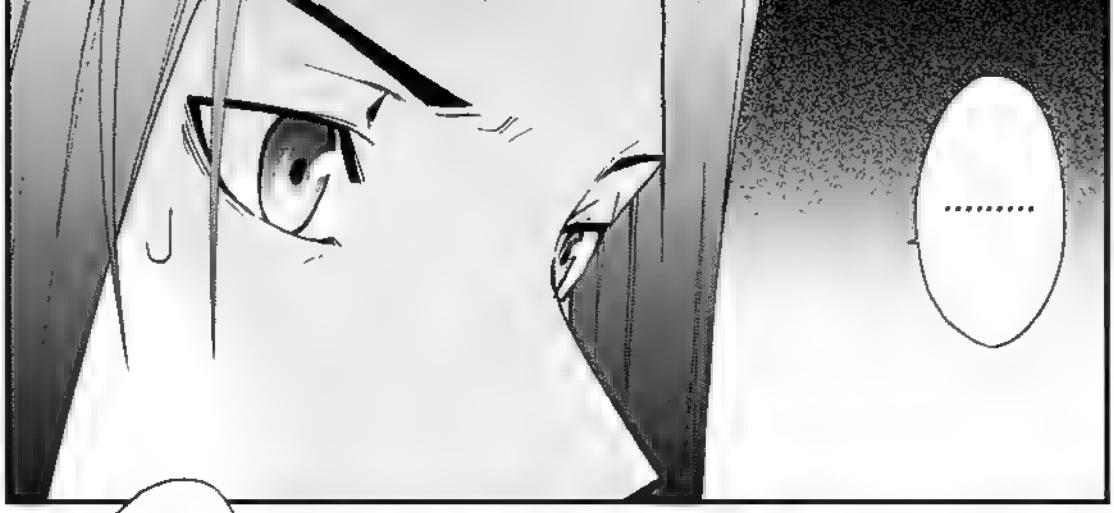

DAMMIT .....
DOSA (THUD)
DON'T L YOUR LIFE

HUFF!
HUFF!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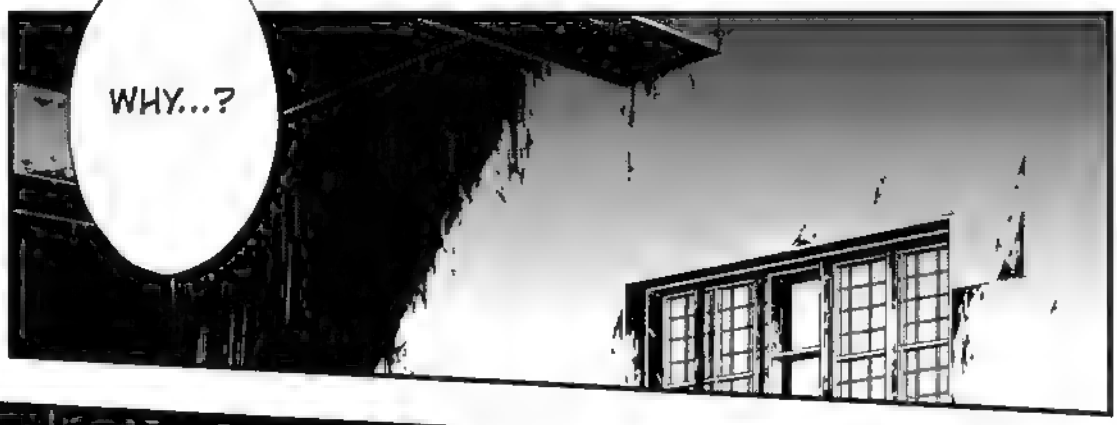
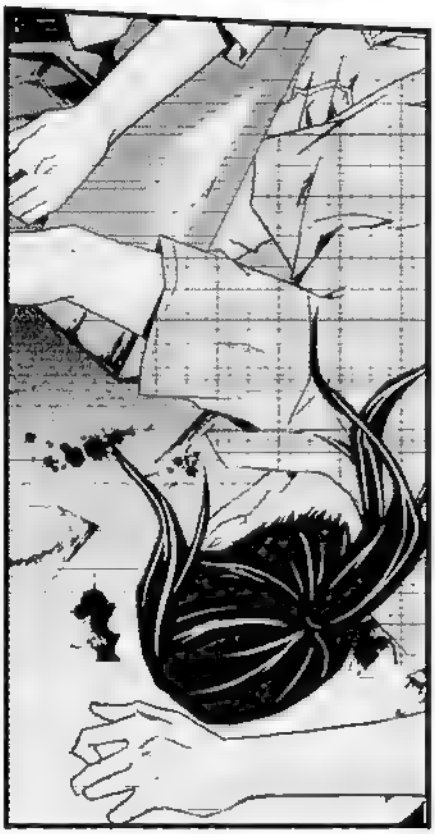

WHY...?

WHY DID THINGS TURN OUT THIS WAY.....?



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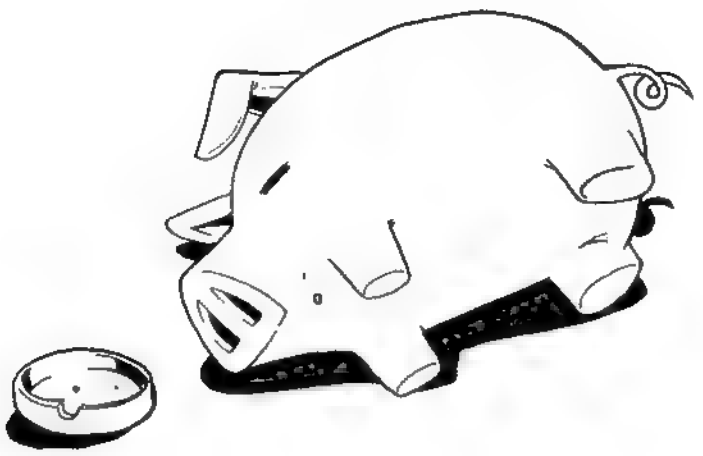

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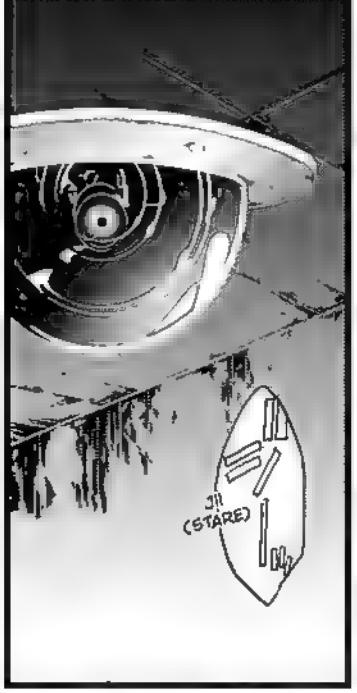
PASA (FWAP)
YOU FAILED..... HMM?
HAYATO.....
...ARE YOU TRYING TO EMBARRASS ME?

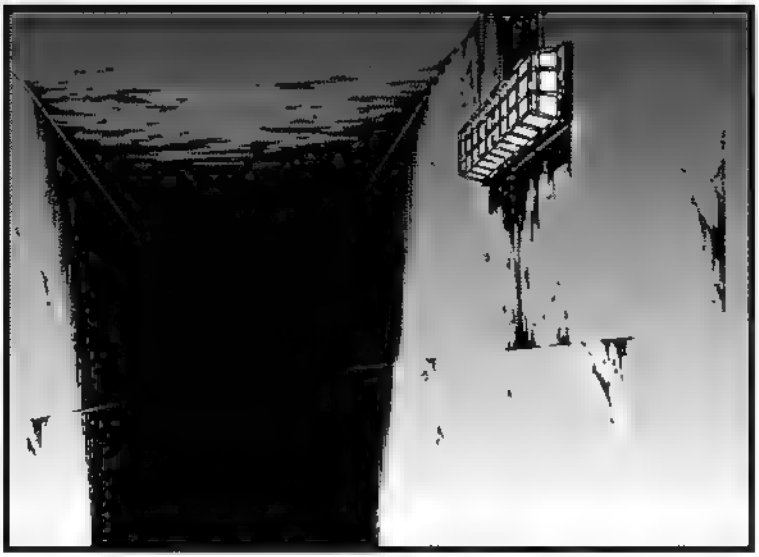
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?
YOUR THREE ELDER BROTHERS HAVE ALL PASSED THE BAR EXAM...
...AND ARE WORKING SUCCESSFULLY AS A JUDGE, A PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, AND AN ATTORNEY.
AND YET, YOU.....
...I'M VERY SORRY.

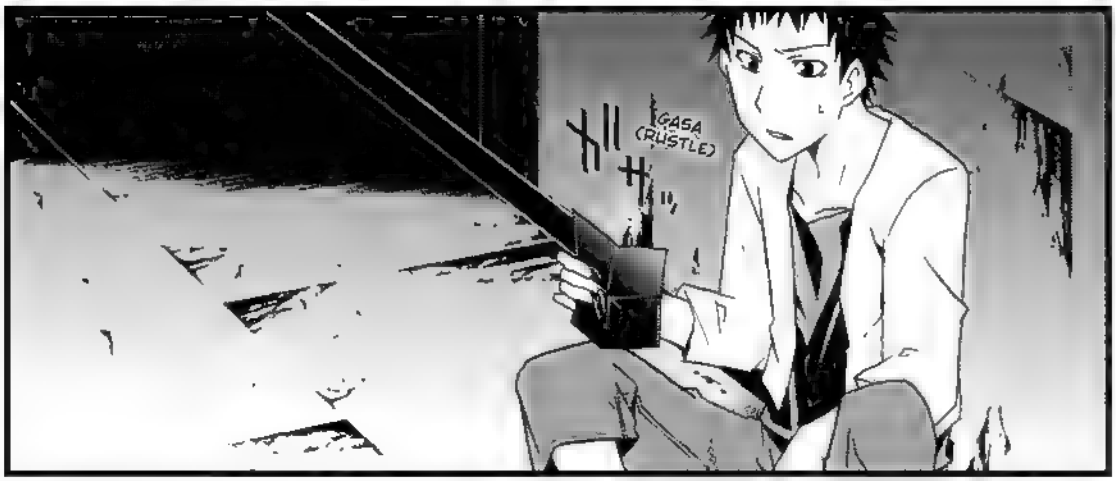
YOU'VE GOT YOUR MOTHER'S BLOOD IN YOU AFTER ALL, I SUPPOSE.
PIKU (TWITCH)
.....
HAAH...
THAT WILL BE ALL. LEAVE.
YES, SIR.....

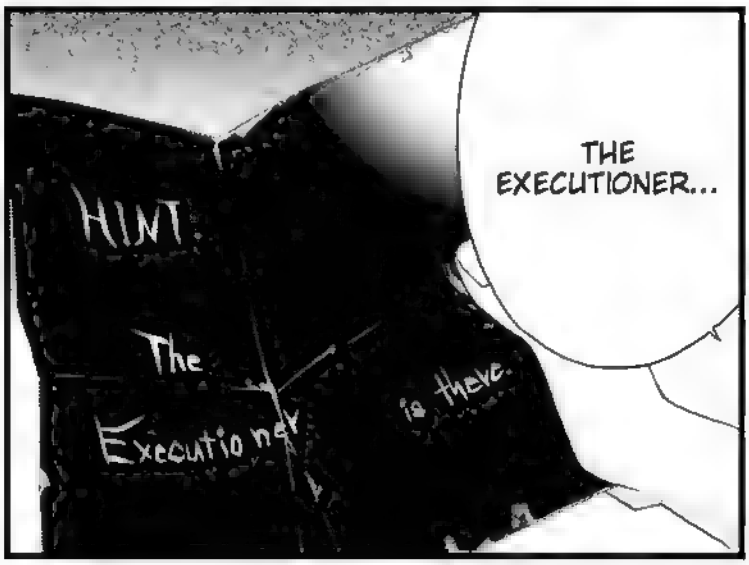
UNTIL I'VE TAKEN EVERYTHING AWAY FROM MY FATHER...
...I WON'T DIE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
JIRI (CRUNCH)
.....
NO MATTER WHAT I HAVE TO DO...

CHAPTER 10 THE WITNESS


JII
(STARE)




GASA
(RUSTLE)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EXECUTIONER...

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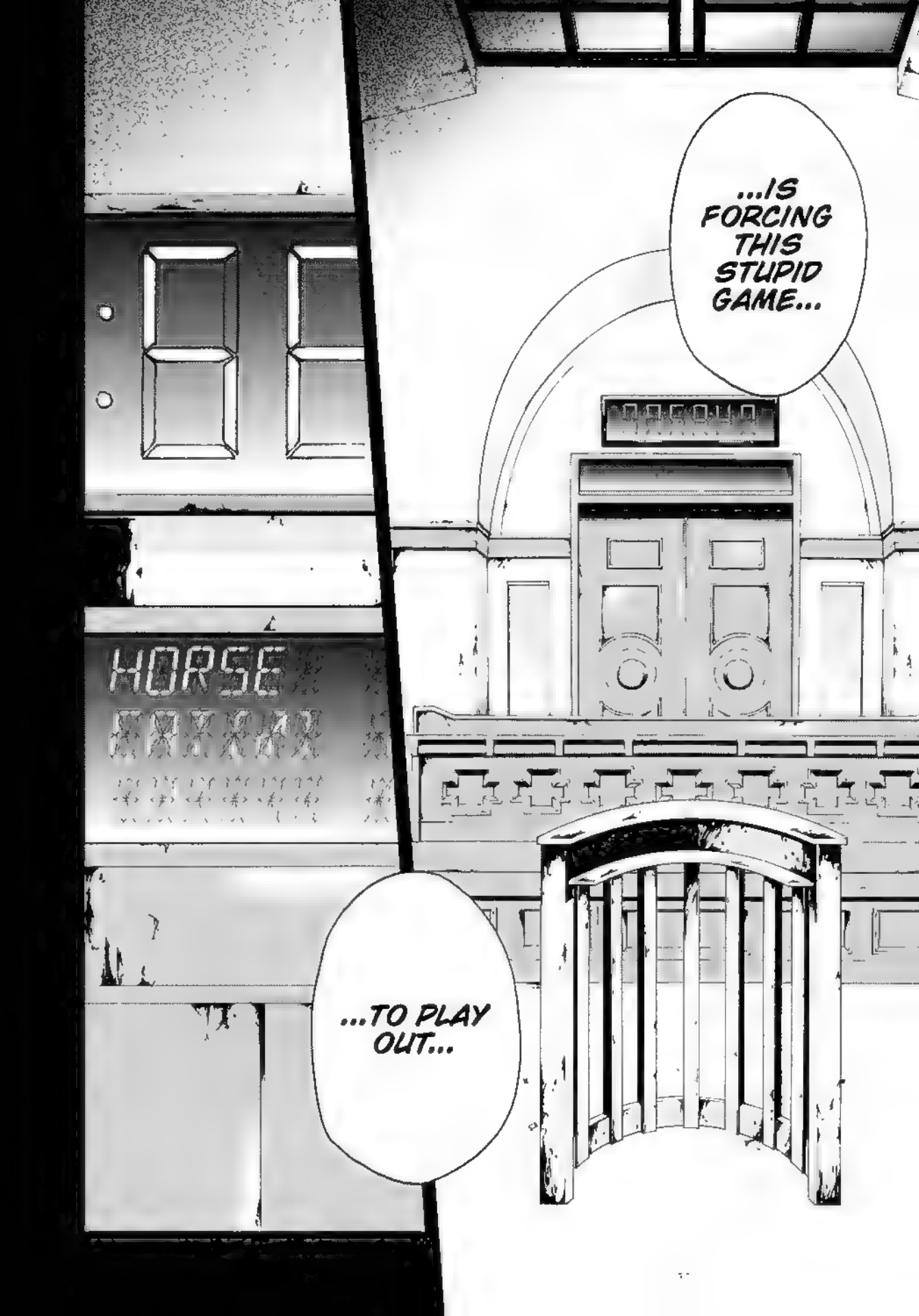
HINT:
The

...IF...
ゴクリ
GOKU (GULP)

...SOMEONE AMONG US IS TRICKING ALL OF US AND OPERATING IN THE SHADOWS.

...THIS IS TRUE, THEN...
Executioner

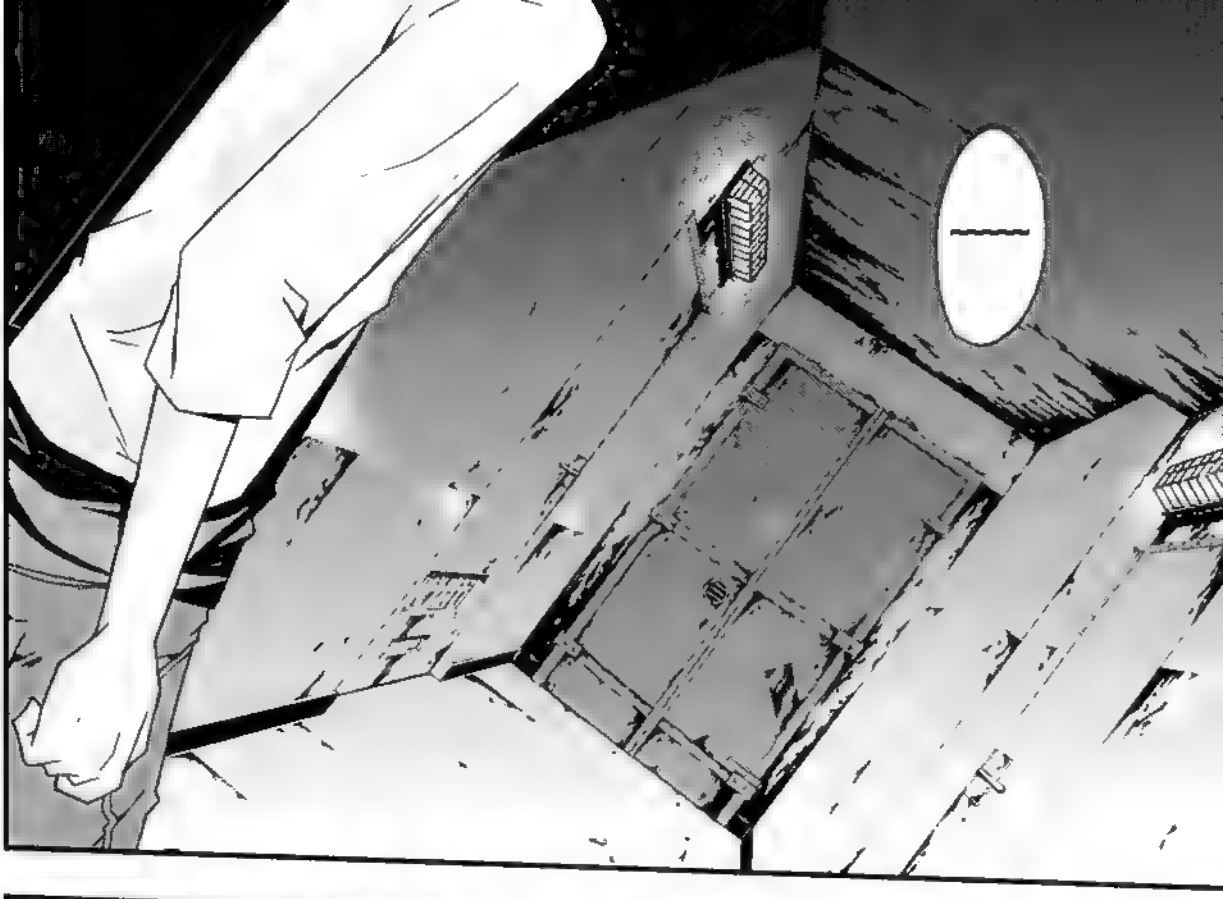
AND THAT SOMEONE ...


...IS FORCING THIS STUPID GAME...
HORSE
...TO PLAY OUT...

NO.....
GUSHA (CRUSH)
DAMMIT!
GU (GRIP)
STOP THINKING THAT WAY!
I JUST WANT...
...ALL OF US TO BE SAVED.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE...
...ANYONE ELSE SUFFER BECAUSE SOMEONE HAS DIED.
HIKARI...
GIRI (GRIT)
...I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
(ZZT)

AT ANY RATE...
...I HAVE TO GO TRY TO TALK TO THEM AGAIN.
ZA (STEP)
IT'S TOO SOON TO GIVE UP.....
GYU (GRIP)
.....!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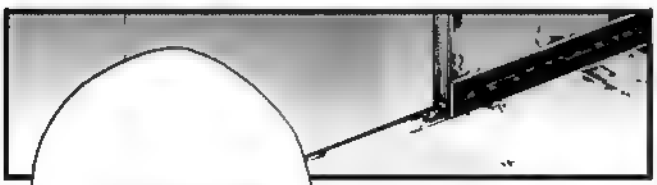
I'M PRETTY SURE THIS WAS...



...THE ROOM THAT HAD ALL THOSE BOOKSHELVES IN IT.

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I CAN HEAR PEOPLE TALKING...

ARE THE THREE OF THEM IN THERE?
SLI (REACH)
.....
GII (CREAK)
...I'LL STOP THE NEXT JUDGMENT FROM HAPPENING.
NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES...

SU
(REACH)
KA
(CLICK)

!?
GA (GRAB)
SHHH...
SO (SLIDE)
.....!
GU (PRESS)
A.....

QUIETLY ...
...COME OVER HERE FOR A SECOND.
GUI (TUG)

KOSO (WHISPER)
ASAMI-SAN...?

BAN (BANG)
WAI.....!

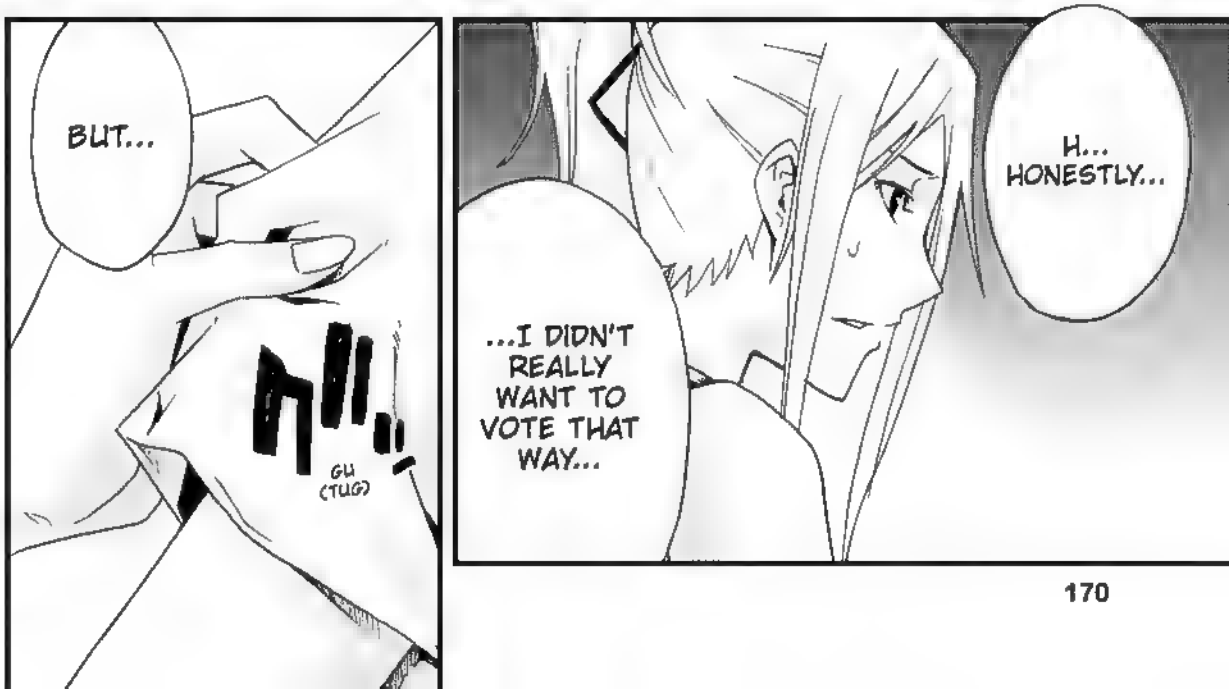
WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN...?

PA (RELEASE)

.....BUT THIS IS PERFECT TIMING...
...I WAS HOPING TO GET YOU ALONE...
...TO TALK WITH YOU AGAIN, PROPERLY THIS TIME.
ALTHOUGH I WASN'T EXPECTING ANY OF YOU TO COME TO ME...
GUI (TUG)
GYU (SQUEEZE)
HUH.....?

I'VE BEEN SCARED, SO I WAS HIDING.
.....

SCARED ...?


BUT...
GU (TUG)
...I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO VOTE THAT WAY...
H... HONESTLY...

BUT IN THAT CASE...
...WHEN I THOUGHT THAT I MIGHT BE KILLED...
...I GOT SCARED AND I COULDN'T HELP IT...
...WHY DID YOU GO ALONG WITH THOSE GUYS?
I'M BEING THREATENED .....
BECAUSE THEY'RE PLANNING TO VOTE FOR SOMEONE ELSE AGAIN!

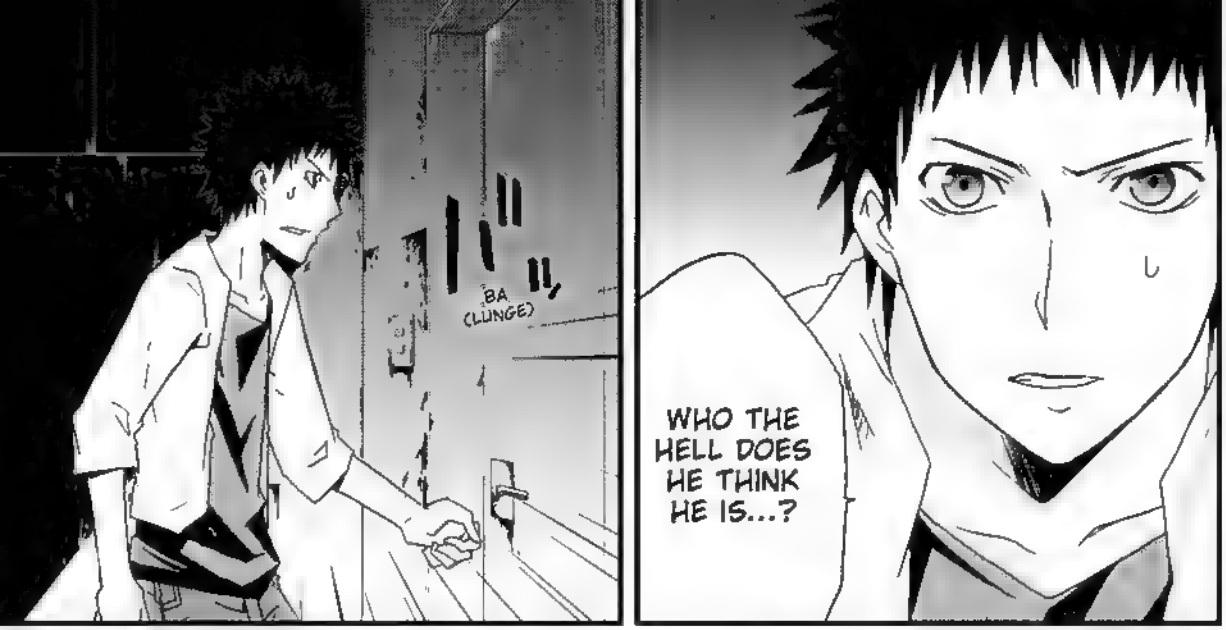
THE... HORSE GUY— SHINOMIYA, WAS HIS NAME...

THREAT- ENED...?

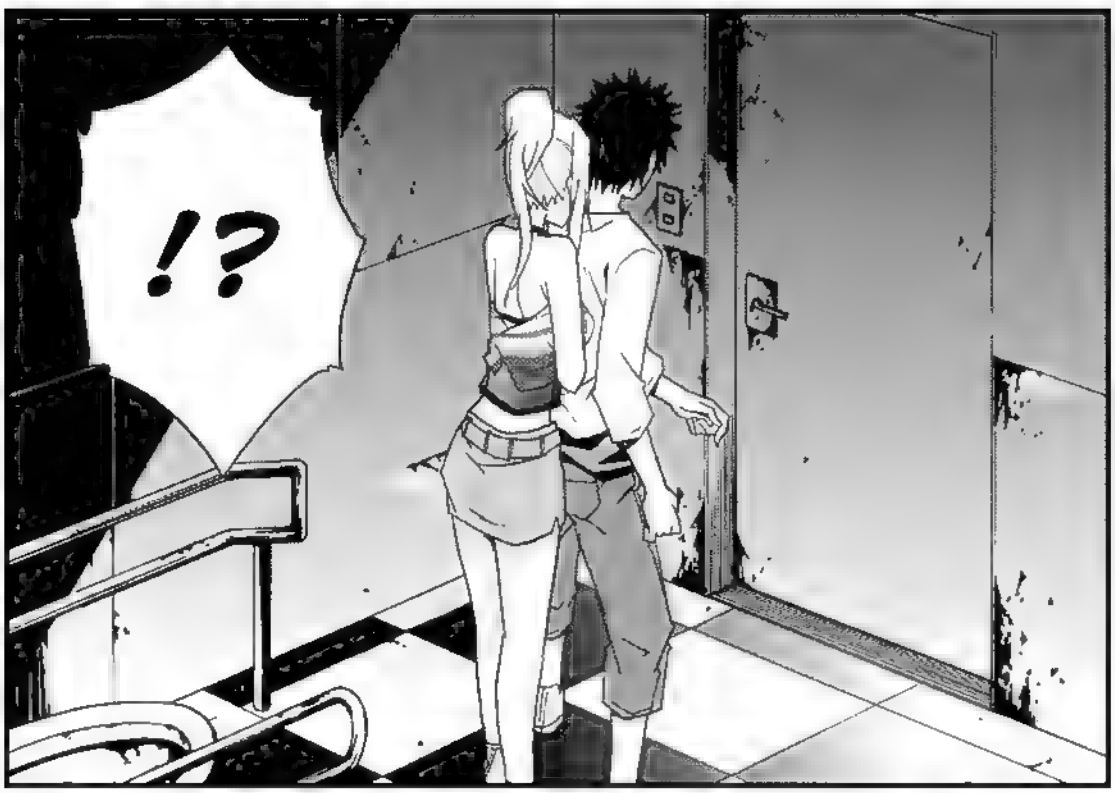
IF I BETRAY THEM...
...EVEN IF I SURVIVE, HE WON'T LET ME OFF THE HOOK...

HE SAID IF I DIDN'T COME WITH THEM, HE'D DO SOMETHING TERRIBLE TO ME.

HE'S WILLING TO GO THAT FAR?


BA
(CLUNGE)
WHO THE HELL DOES HE THINK HE IS...?

FORGET IT!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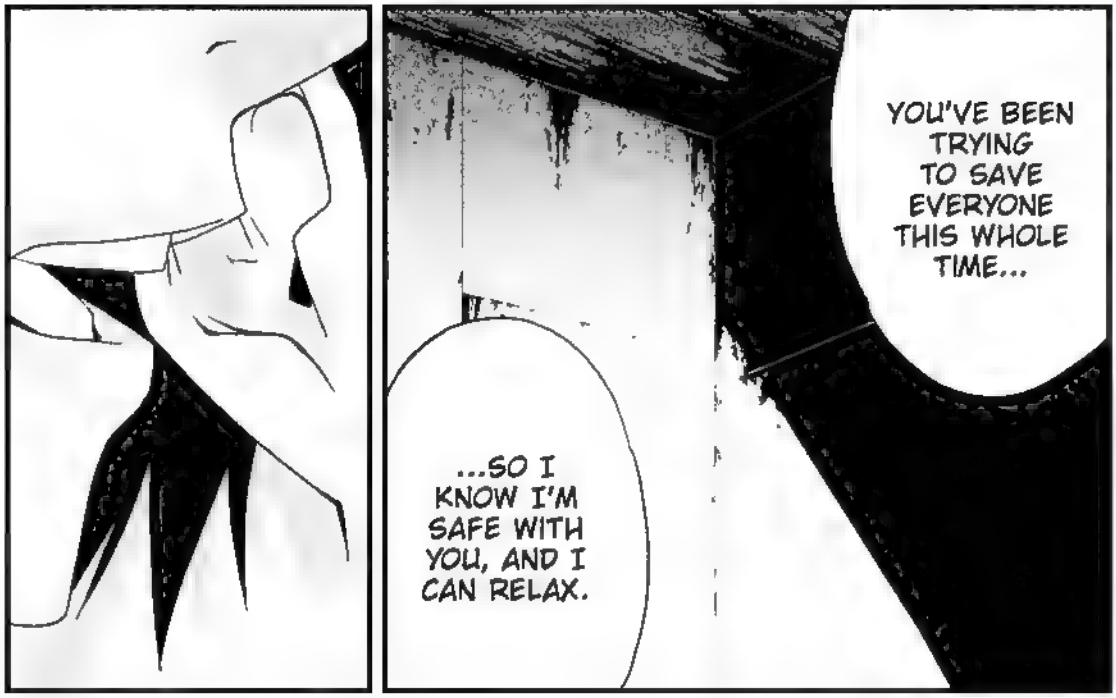
WAI...
WHA-WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
IT'S FINE.
JUST STAY HERE...


YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO SAVE EVERYONE THIS WHOLE TIME...
...SO I KNOW I'M SAFE WITH YOU, AND I CAN RELAX.

PUNI
(SQUISH)
I CAN'T TRUST THE REST OF THEM.

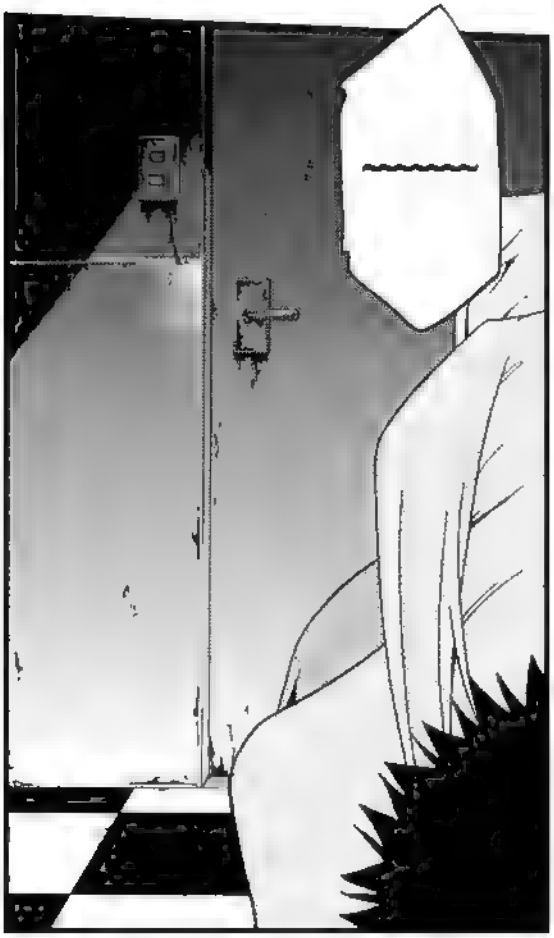
ZURU
(SLIP)
YOU'RE A LITTLE TOO CLOSE...
HOLD ON!

.....!

DOSA
(THUD)

A.....
ASAMI-SAN!?

SU (SLIDE)
DON'T BE SO IMPERSONAL WITH ME...
JUST CALL ME ASAMI...
HIRO.....
SU (LEAN)



HUFF!
MH.....!
NURU (SLURP)
GYU (GRIP)
IF YOU'LL BE MY ALLY, HIRO...
...I'LL LISTEN TO WHATEVER YOU SAY.

DO YOU...
BERO (LICK)
...CATCH MY DRIFT?

N..... NO!
WE CAN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

U-FU-FU!
HOW UNEXPECTED. YOU'RE MORE INNOCENT THAN YOU LOOK.

NOBODY'S WATCHING.

IT'S FINE.

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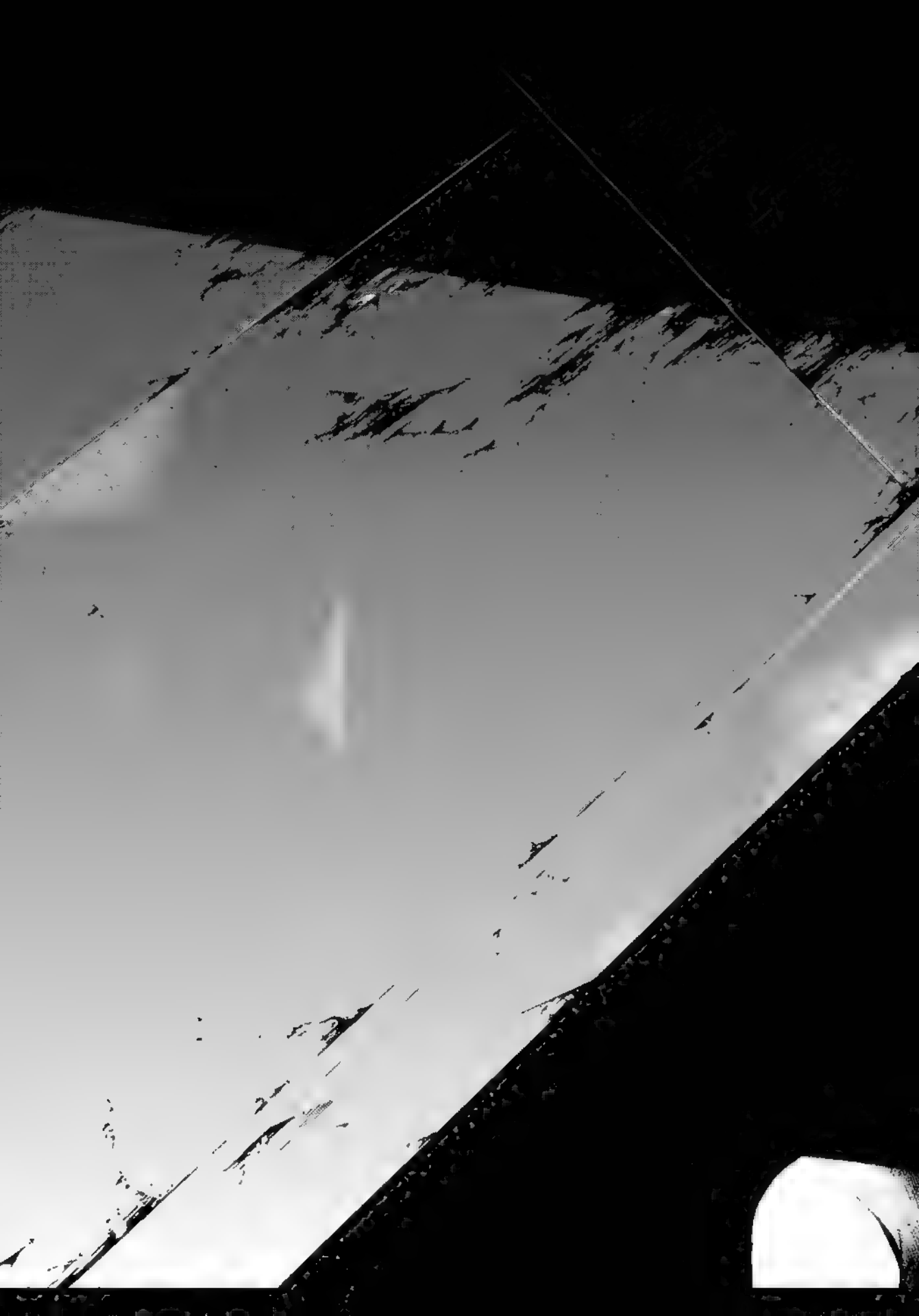
NOBODY'S WATCHING.

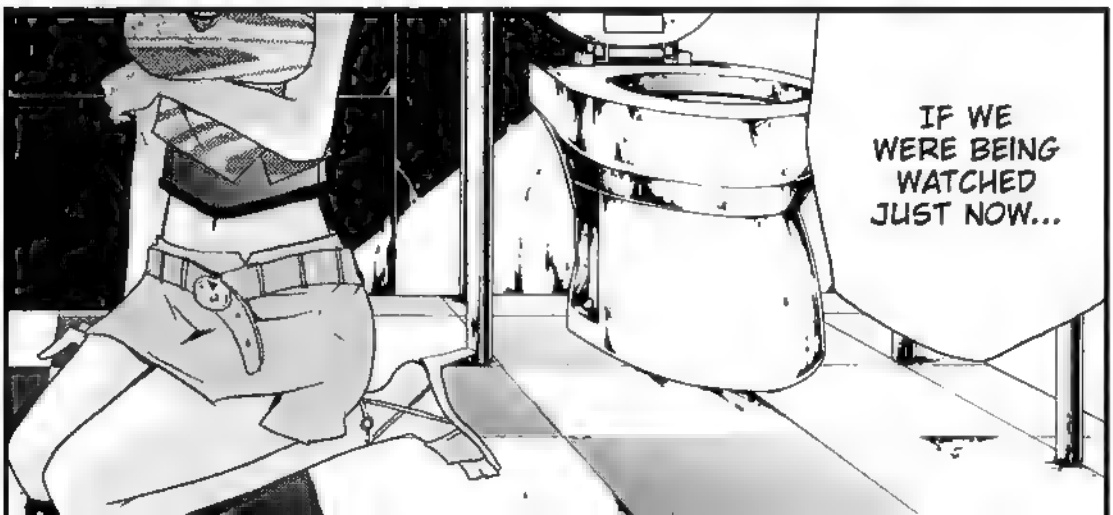


WH..... WHAT WAS THAT?
BATA (THUMP)
!?
S.....
GU (PUSH)
DA (DASH)
SOMEONE'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR.
EH!?

.....

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

NOBODY'S THERE...?


IF WE WERE BEING WATCHED JUST NOW...

.....
I SEE.
SO SOMEBODY SAW US, THEN...

IF THEY FIND OUT ABOUT THIS...
...THEY'LL ALL THINK YOU'RE A TRAITOR, HUH.
WHA .....!?
B...BUT THAT'S NOT...!
KA (CLACK)
DON'T WORRY.
I WON'T LET THEM KILL YOU, HIRO.
SO... C'MON.
SU (SLIDE)

To be continued in JUDGE ❸

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Is the one who deceives to blame?

WILL THE HELPING HAND PROFFERED
BE THE HAND OF SALVATION?
OR THE HAND THAT DRAGS ONE
DOWN TO THE DEPTHS OF HELL?

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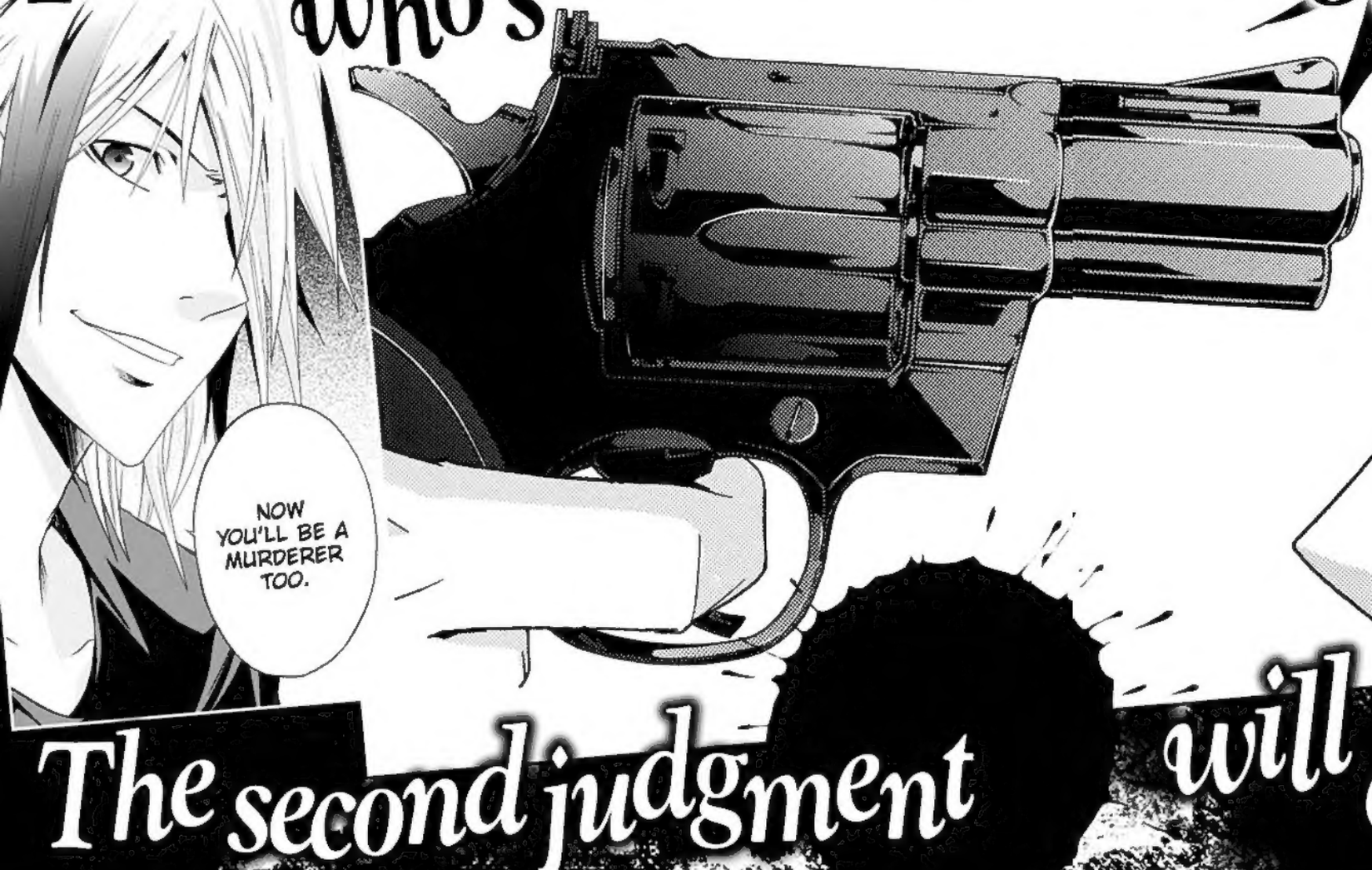
Is the one who's deceived to-blame?



The second judgment will decide.

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to blame?
RIGHT NOW, I THINK IT'S BEST TO FOCUS ON MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE THE ONES WHO SURVIVE.
to-blame?
SO I NEEDED TO TRY VERIFYING IT FIRST...
will decide.
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The second judgment

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